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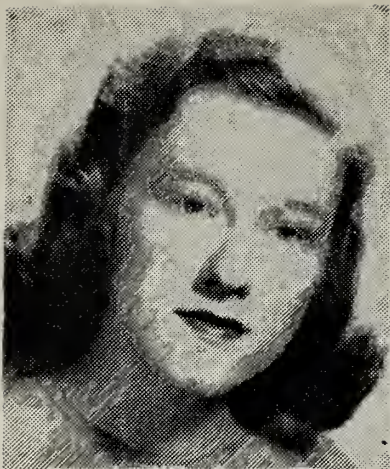
Trinity Methodist Church
Ruston, Louisiana
March 28, 29, 30, 1950

Theme
"Forward Through Faith"

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Miss Lucille Hurley Becomes Missionary

LUCILLE HURLEY

Born: October 15, 1920

Place: Stamps, Lafayette County, Arkansas

Moved to Minden at age of 3 years. Attended Grade and High School at the Minden Schools. Graduated from Minden High School in May, 1937.

In June, 1937 Miss Hurley began her "working girl career." She worked for two years as secretary to the Mayor of Minden, for three years she was a stenographer in the Webster Parish Public Welfare in Minden. For four years she worked in various office positions for the Ordinance Department at the Louisiana Ordinance Plant.

In September, 1946 Miss Hurley entered Southern Methodist University and in August, 1949 graduated from S. M. U. with a B. A. in Home Economics and a minor in Sociology.

Miss Hurley worked three months as a secretary to the Supt. in the Caddo Parish School Board office.

In January, 1950 she was enrolled in the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Connecticut.

In June Miss Hurley will enroll in Scarritt College for the summer term, and in September she will return to Hartford for one more semester. Some time in January, 1951 or soon thereafter she will sail for Manila.

Anna Givens was born July 8, 1927, in Lafayette, La., youngest of nine children and the daughter of the late John Givens and Arna Hopkins Givens. She was graduated from Lafayette high school in 1944, and in 1948 she received a B. A. in Liberal Arts, with a major in social welfare, from Southwestern Louisiana Institute "where I was vice-president of Wesley Foundation which had a tremendous influence on my Christian life under the guidance of Miss Pearlye Maye Kelly, deaconess and student counsellor."

She joined the church on profession of faith at the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church in 1941, and served as church school superintendent and chairman of the board of education under the pastorate of Rev. Dan Wineinger, "who played an important part in my Christian development and my decision for Christian Service."

After graduation from college, she worked six months as a welfare



Miss Anna Givens

Leaves in August

for Japan

ANNA GIVENS

visitor in Crowley, La. and later was a stenographer in her mother's business, the Givens Insurance Agency in Lafayette.

Miss Givens left June 19 for six weeks training in Hartford, Connecticut, and was scheduled to sail for Japan the latter part of August to serve as a J-3.

Neoma Windham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregg L. Windham of Jena, La., was born April 26, 1927. She graduated from Jena High School in 1944. Other accomplishments are:

Graduate of Alexandria (La.) Business College, 1945

Clerk Stenographer of Ice-Service Delivery, Inc., Alexandria, La., for two years.

Member of Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, La. — Held various offices of M. Y. F., Mimeographed church bulletin, taught Primary Sunday School class for one year, secretary of Central Louisiana Sub-district of Alexandria Conference District, representative for Trinity Church to Cleveland Youth Conference in 1947.

A. A. degree from Lon Morris Junior College, Jacksonville, Texas, in May, 1949.

At present is a junior Sociology major at Scarritt College For Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee.

Although I had considered going into full-time Christian Service since an early age, I suppose the contacts with Trinity Methodist Church and its first pastor, Rev. George W. Harbuck, directed me toward this decision more than anything else. Because Trinity Church was a new church it offered me opportunities for leadership that I probably would not have had otherwise. My contacts with and work in this church led me to see the great need and the opportunity for full-time Christian workers.

My hopes are that I will be able to work as a deaconess in the Louisiana Conference as soon as I complete my study at Scarritt College.

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Work in local society _____

Work done in the past in other organizations _____

What other experience has she had _____

What other ability does she have _____

What particular work is she best qualified to do _____

Are her home duties such that she can be away when necessary _____

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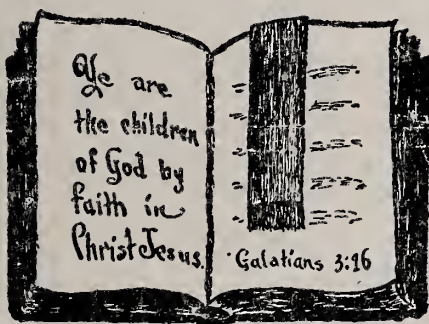
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MARCH 28, 29, 30, 1950

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- 2:00 P. M. Executive Meeting, Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston
6:00 P. M. Executive Dinner, Served by Trinity Woman's Society of Christian Service
7:00 P. M. Executive Meeting Continued

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Morning Session

"I live by the Faith of the Son of God." — Galatians 2:20

- 9:30 A. M. Registration by Districts, Trinity Methodist Church, Educational Building
11:00 A. M. Time Apart — "Victorious Faith—Its Meaning for Me" Mrs. Edwin B. White
12:30 P. M. Sacrificial Meal and Love Offering for Latin America Mrs. George Thomas, Directing
Wesley Foundation, Southwestern Louisiana Institute

Afternoon Session

"According to your Faith, be it unto you." — Matthew 9:29

- 2:00 P. M. Organ Prelude
Convening of the Tenth Annual Meeting Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service—Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Hymn—"O for a Faith that Will Not Shrink" No. 270
Scripture and Prayer Mrs. W. S. Deas
Report of Recording Secretary Mrs. E. N. Jackson
Presentation of Program Mrs. Ira Campbell and Program Committee
Appointment of Committees
President's Message Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Announcements
Benediction Rev. R. R. Branton
6:00 P. M. Student Movement Dinner, Ruston High School
Miss Dorothy Nyland, Speaker
Mrs. W. E. Trice, Presiding
6:30 P. M. Wesleyan Service Guild Dinner, First Baptist Church
Miss Vera Winfree, Presiding
Mrs. Kathleen Thain, Speaker

Evening Session

"Your Faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" — 1 Corinthians 2:5

- 8:00 P. M. Organ Prelude
Worship Wesley Foundation, Louisiana Tech,
Directed by Mrs. J. T. Folk
Special Music by Louisiana Tech Choir, Marshall Bretz, Director
"O Jesus Lord, My Light and Life" Bach
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Luther-Mueller
Offering
Address "Our Far-Flung Brother Line" Rev. George Baker
Benediction Rev. Louis Hoffpouir

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Session

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the Faith; prove your ownelves"—II Corinthians 13:5

- 8:30 A. M. — Organ Meditation
9:00 A. M. — Call to Worship Mrs. G. W. Dameron
9:20 A. M. — Solo Mrs. David Tarver
Order of Business
Report of Registration Committee
Report of Research Committee
Balloting
9:50 A. M. — "Forward Through Faith in Our Students"
Miss Dorothy Nyland
10:20 A. M. — Balloting Continued
Hymn—"Faith of Our Mothers"

- 10:30 A. M. — "Forward with Juveniles in Louisiana"
Judge Chris Barnette
- 11:10 A. M. Order of Business
Hymn—"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" _____ No. 261
Courtesies _____ Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter
- 11:30 A. M. — Time Apart—"And Ye Shall Go In . . . and Find Pasture"
_____ Mrs. Edwin B. White
Solo—"My Cathedral" _____ Walter Blaufuss
Mrs. Marshall Bretz
- 12:30 P. M. — Departmental Diet Luncheons _____ Trinity Church
Conference Officers (Each local Officer with her Conference Officer)

Afternoon Session

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
Romans 10:17

- 2:00 P. M. — Organ Prelude
Workers in Faith _____ Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Hymn—"O for a Faith that Will Not Shrink" _____ No. 270
- 3:15 P. M. — Order of Business
Adjournment
- 4:00 P. M. — Tea, Louisiana Methodist Orphanage
- 6:00 P. M. — Dinner with the Districts—Ruston High School
Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Presiding

Evening Session

"Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of Faith."
Hebrews 10:22

- 8:00 P. M. — Organ Prelude
Call to Worship _____ Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation" _____ No. 315
Scripture Reading and Prayer _____ Rev. R. R. Branton
Offering
Anthem—"Glorious Is Thy Name" _____ Mozart
Trinity Church Choir, Marshall Bretz, Director
Address—"A Testament of Faith", Bishop Dana Dawson
Communion
Benediction _____ Rev. C. B. White

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Morning Session

- "But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate
of faith and Love." II Thessalonians 5:8
- 8:30 A. M. — Organ Meditation
Call to Worship _____ Mrs. G. R. Nordyke
Order of Business
Recommendations for Advance _____ Mrs. S. J. Fairchild
Report of Special Committees
Resolutions
Place of Meeting 1951
- 9:30 A. M. — "A Forward Look at Latin American Missions"
Mrs. H. D. Haberyan
- 10:00 A. M. — Report of Conference Treasurer
"The Budget Comes to Life" _____ Mrs. F. E. Kennon
and District Treasurers
- 10:45 A. M. — Installation of Officers _____ Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.
- 11:00 A. M. — Closing Worship
"And Ye Shall—Go Out and Find Pasture"
Mrs. E. B. White
Solo _____ Mrs. J. L. Dodds
Adjournment
- 12:00 Noon — Buffet Lucheon _____ Trinity Methodist Church

FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS

Faith of our mothers, living yet
 In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
 In nursery love and fireside lore,
 Thy presence still pervades the air.
 Faith of our mothers, living faith,
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
 The fount of childhood's trust and grace,
 O may thy consecration prove
 The wellspring of a nobler race.
 Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
 For youthful longings — youthful doubts,
 How blurred our vision, blind our way,
 Thy providential care without.
 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
 In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
 Still serve the home and save the church.
 And breathe thy spirit through our deeds.
 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
 We will be true to thee till death.

—Arthur Patten

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President	_____	Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston
Vice-President	_____	Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, Baton Rouge
Treasurer	_____	Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Minden
Recording Secretary	_____	Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Monroe
Secretary Organizations and Pomotion	_____	Mrs. D. M. Campbell, New Iberia
Secretary Missionary Education and Service	_____	Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans
Secretary Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities	_____	Mrs. C. F. Goldwait, New Orleans
Secretary Literature and Publications	_____	Mrs. Glen Nordyke Baton Rouge
Secretary Children's Work	_____	Mrs. A. M. Freeman, Homer
Secretary Youth Work	_____	Mrs. E. A. Sartor, Shreveport
Secretary Student Work	_____	Mrs. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge
Secretary Supplies	_____	Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport
Secretary Spiritual Life	_____	Mrs. Guy Hicks, Shreveport
Secretary Status of Women	_____	Mrs. Ira Campbell, Coushatta
Secretary Missionary Personnel	_____	Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans
President Wesleyan Service Guild	_____	Miss Grace Lawson, Welch
Secretary Missionary Education, South Central Jurisdiction	_____	Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville
Secretary Missionary Personnel, South Central Jurisdiction	_____	Mrs. J. B. Pollard, New Orleans
Member Woman's Division, Board of Missions and Church Extension	_____	Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport
Former Member Woman's Division, Board of Missions and Church Extension	_____	Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Shreveport

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Alexandria	Mrs. George Powell, Alexandria
Baton Rouge	Mrs. C. D. Tisdale, Bogalusa
Lake Charles	Mrs. Dick Watson, Lake Charles
Monroe	Mrs. Hervie Moak, Monroe
New Orleans	Mrs. George Willis, Gretna
Ruston	Mrs. W. S. Deas, Arcadia
Shreveport	Mrs. John A. Dixon, Shreveport

LOCAL PERSONNEL

District Superintendent	Rev. Louis Hoffpauir
Local Pastor	Rev. R. R. Branton
President Local Woman's Society Christian Service and General	
Chairman of Conference Preparation	Mrs. L. C. Aycock
Co-Chairman	Mrs. G. W. James
Housing Chairman	Mrs. Burt Lomax
Registration	Mrs. R. L. Fuller
Sanctuary Flower Chairman	Mrs. J. M. Armstrong
Transportation	Mrs. H. G. Sinclair
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Book Room Chairman	Mrs. R. W. Vaughn
Publicity Chairman	Mrs. J. D. Murry
Chairman—Executive Committee Meeting	Mrs. Ben Rush
Page Chairman	Mrs. C. W. Colvin
Communion Chairman	Mrs. C. W. Robertson
Information, Lost and Found Chairman	Mrs. I. E. Isom
Greeting Committee Chairman	Mrs. B. H. Rainwater
Executive Committee Dinner Chairman	Mrs. Homer Matthews
Registration Coffee Chairman	Mrs. J. G. Wells
Latin American Sacrificial Dinner Chairman	Mrs. Floyd James
Student and Youth Dinner Chairman	Mrs. Mary J. Harris
Wesleyan Service Guild Dinner Chairman	Miss Vera Winfree
Department Diet Luncheon Chairman	Mrs. Paul Davis
Chairman Dinner with the Districts	Mrs. Jack Ritchie
Buffet Luncheon Chairman	Mrs. E. W. Hodge
Stenographer	Mrs. James Upchurch
Organist	Mrs. S. L. White
Minister of Music	Mr. Marshall Bretz
Janitor	Clayton King

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Mrs. F. E. Kennon	Mrs. Larkin Brantley
Miss Mary Gladys Page	Mrs. J. H. McSween
Mrs. D. M. Campbell	Mrs. Gladys Hoffpauir
Mrs. R. O. Coopender	Mrs. D. C. Metcalf
Mrs. A. F. Hanson	Mrs. J. L. Saxon

Research Committee

Mrs. D. C. Metcalf	Mrs. J. B. Williams
Mrs. John Galloway	Mrs. E. E. Stewart
Mrs. John Piker	Mrs. F. C. Haley
Mrs. W. A. Cotton	Mrs. George Willis

Visiting Institutions

Mrs. Lee Tidwell	Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Mrs. D. M. Campbell	Mrs. F. E. Kennon

Also District President, District Promotion Secretary, District Treasurer, and the District Secretary of Supplies of New Orleans, Shreveport, and Lake Charles Districts.

Spiritual Life

Mrs. A. H. Wilcox
Mrs. A. W. Monteguedo
Mrs. Carl Curtis

Mrs. I. L. Yeager
Mrs. Carl F. Lueg
Mrs. Guy Kinnebrew

Mrs. D. L. Kelley

Study and Action

Mrs. Sam Dunbar
Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait

Miss Mary Gladys Page
Mrs. A. H. Wilcox

Mrs. G. W. Dameron

Status of Women

Mrs. F. C. Haley

Mrs. Glen Nordyke

Mrs. Ira Campbell

Constitution And By-Laws

Mrs. Charles Goldthwait
Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter

Mrs. E. E. Stewart
Mrs. S. J. Fairchild

Mrs. J. C. Whitaker

Missionary Personnel

Mrs. C. I. Jones
Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Mrs. D. M. Campbell
Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

Mrs. W. E. Trice
Mrs. J. B. Pollard
Mrs. G. R. Weaver
Miss Mary Gladys Page

Delegates To Jurisdiction Society

Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Mrs. D. M. Campbell
Mrs. F. E. Kennon

Mrs. Sam Dunbar
Mrs. W. E. Trice
(to be elected)

Alternates To Jurisdiction

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild
Mrs. E. N. Jackson
Mrs. Charles Goldthwait

Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Mrs. C. I. Jones
(to be elected)

Conference Committee On Christian Social Relations And Local Church Activities

Mrs. Charles Goldthwait Mrs. Glenn Laskey
 Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter
Seven District Secretaries and Guild Representatives.

Delegates To Legislative Council

Mrs. Charles Goldthwait
Mrs. I. E. Labrano
Mrs. Harvey Hall

Alternates

Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Mrs. S. J. Fairchild

Conference Guild Committee

Miss Mary Gladys Page
Mrs. F. E. Kennon

Mrs. D. M. Campbell
Mrs. E. N. Jackson

Mrs. Lee Tidwell

Seven District Guild Secretaries.

Representatives On Annual Deaconess Board

Mrs. J. B. Pollard
Mrs. Lee Tidwell

Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Miss Elizabeth Thompson

Representatives On Annual Conference

Commission On Town and Country

Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Miss Elizabeth Thompson

Miss Mary Gladys Page
Mrs. C. I. Jones

CALENDAR

1950-1951

June

New W. S. C. S. fiscal year begins
Pledge and budget made for year
Pledges reported to District Promotion Secretaries
and District Treasurers.

July

Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 4-13.
Local Treasurers close books July 20
Treasurers reports due District Treasurers.

August

School of Missions and Pastors' School, Centenary College, Shreveport, La., August 28-September 1.
Quarterly Executive meetings, local society.

September

Quarterly reports sent to District Officers
District Missionary Educational Seminars.

October

Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting, Minden, Louisiana, October 17, 18, 19.
Week of Prayer, October 23-27.
Local Treasurers close books October 20.
Reports due District Treasurer
Chain visitation by societies

November

Special Thank offerings
Observation Anniversary 10th Birthday of W. S. C. S.
Quarterly Executive meetings, local society
Chain visitation continued.

December

Reports due District Officers from local society officers
Christmas program
Special Membership month

January

Local Treasurers books close January 20.
Chain visitation by societies.

February

Appoint nominating committee
Quarterly Executive Committee meeting

March

Reports due District officers from local society officers.
Elect officers.
Send list of new officers to District Promotion secretary.
Elect delegate to Annual W. S. C. S. Conference
Observation of Day Apart
Lenten offerings
Easter March 25

April

Jurisdiction Convocation, Little Rock, Ark., April 3, 4, 5.
Eleventh Annual Meeting W. S. C. S. Conference.
Pledge paid in full for year by April 20th.
Full payment pledge sent District Treasurers.
Annual Reports — Close of year's work.
District Meetings.
Special Life Memberships.

PRAYER GUIDE

Prayer for Faith:

"O God, who in thy days upon this earth didst yearn and seek for evidence of faith in the hearts of men, increase within my own heart an unshakable faith. So fill my heart with trust in thee that I may never doubt the final triumph of thy purpose for this world. May I know a great calm within my spirit because I believe in the ultimate victory of the kingdom. Despair and confusion will yield at last to thy will, and thy dream for mankind will be accomplished. To this end use my life and powers; for the sake of Him who died to redeem a lost world. Amen".—(From "Alone With God", Grover C. Emmons).

TIME OF PRAYING

1. Every day in your private quiet hour.
2. Every week, if possible, with some small, intimate group.
3. Every public meeting of W. S. C. S. in some special way.
4. Every committee meeting.
5. Every Sunday during Church worship.

OBJECTS FOR PRAYER

1. For confused and suffering humanity in all lands.
2. For all who are working for brotherhood and peace.
3. For the church-wide program of Advance in its emphasis on Our Faith, Our Church, Our Ministry, Our Mission.
4. For the Advance goals of the W. S. C. S.
5. For the indifference and inactive in our own number.
6. For our missionaries and other Christian workers at home and abroad.
7. For our Louisiana Conference workers and projects; for our Pastors and Churches.
8. For the leaders of our Woman's Division, Jurisdiction, Conference, District and Local Societies.
9. For those in places of authority in our government, state and nation.
10. For the United Nations — that all concerned may be motivated by a sense of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.
11. For ourselves—confessing our sins and asking God to restore unto us the joy of His salvation, and give to us a greater faith.

ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

THE LAST GATE

"The tomb is but a gateway to an eternity of opportunity".

MEMORIAL ROLL

Alexandria District

Mrs. Herbert Bennett — Tullos Church
Mrs. Elmira Luneau — Pineville Church
Mrs. H. C. O'Neal — Pineville Church
Mrs. Ira Fuqua — Oak Grove (Effie)
Mrs. J. B. Russell — Jena
Mrs. W. S. Drewett — Jena
Mrs. Thad Mantiplay — Bunkie
Mrs. M. D. Morgan — Winnfield
Mrs. W. O. Harrison — Montgomery
Mrs. S. L. Calhoun — Alexandria
Mrs. J. L. Broadwell — Alexandria

MEMORIAL ROLL

Baton Rouge District

Mrs. Stella Kell — Bogalusa
Martha William Krone — Bogalusa
Mrs. Ida Remley — Loranger
Mrs. Ella Champlain — Loranger
Mrs. Walter Margman — St. Francisville
Mrs. Talitha Montgomery — Tickfaw
Mrs. M. G. Penn — Wesley Chapel

MEMORIAL ROLL

Lake Charles District

Mrs. W. S. Lewis — DeRidder
Mrs. S. T. Hearne — DeRidder
Mrs. A. B. Houser — Merryville
Mrs. A. B. Chopin — Lafayette
Mrs. Grant Mutersbaugh — Lake Charles
Mrs. Mark Wentz — Lake Charles
Mrs. Nellie Parker — Lake Charles
Mrs. W. T. Clark — Lake Charles
Mrs. Dora Hughes — Lake Charles
Mrs. Ada Adams — Lake Charles
Mrs. Elizabeth Kaufman — Vinton
Mrs. Charlotte E. Sweeney — Vinton
Mrs. Jenny Hawley — Welsh
Mrs. George Lawson — Welsh

MEMORIAL ROLL

Monroe District

Mrs. W. C. Holstein — First Church Monroe
Mrs. M. A. McHenry — First Church Monroe
Mrs. Lydia Roberts — Brownsville
Mrs. Carrie Powel Walker — Memorial
Mrs. Mary McMurrian — First Church West Monroe
Mrs. Alberta Taylor — First Church West Monroe
Mrs. Ann Harris Caldwell — Collinston
Mrs. Mary Durden — Collinston
Mrs. Ruth Murphy Hatch — Rayville
Mrs. T. L. Hadin — Sicily Island
Mrs. A. C. Monroe — Oak Grove

**MEMORIAL ROLL
NEWS ORLEANS DISTRICT**

Mrs. Laura McManus — Pearl River
Mrs. Sadie Sheppard — Eighth Street
Mrs. Nellie Manix — Felicity
Mrs. W. O. Moore — Canal St. Church, New Orleans
Mrs. E. P. Garland — First Church, New Orleans

**MEMORIAL ROLL
RUSTON DISTRICT**

Mrs. D. E. Ford — Choudrant
Mrs. J. L. Ferguson — Homer
Mrs. H. B. McEachern — Haynesville
Mrs. Thomas W. Fuller — Minden
Mrs. J. E. Crane — Ruston

**MEMORIAL ROLL
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT**

Mrs. B. D. Watson — Caddo Heights, Shreveport
Mrs. S. A. Alexander — Greenwood
Mrs. T. P. Thweat, — Greenwood
Miss Mary Elizabeth Odem — Greenwood
Mrs. P. M. Elston — Haughton
Mrs. J. R. Cromwell — Logansport
Mrs. Fred Fort — Logansport
Mrs. E. L. Johnson — Longstreet
Mrs. Mary Wright — Plain Dealing
Mrs. Lula Watts — Cedar Grove, Shreveport
Mrs. J. C. McLean — Broadmoor, Shreveport
Miss Nora Bridges — First Church, Shreveport
Mrs. R. J. Lytle — First Church, Shreveport
Mrs. W. H. Massey — First Church, Shreveport
Mrs. J. E. Peyton — First Church, Shreveport
Mrs. F. D. Roemer — First Church, Shreveport
Mrs. Beulah Rosenbaum — First Church, Shreveport
Mrs. Emma Troegel — First Church, Shreveport
Mrs. J. G. Sloane — Noel Memorial, Shreveport
Mrs. J. A. Dozart — Park Avenue, Shreveport

MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 25-26, 1949
New Orleans, Louisiana

Members of the Executive Committee, upon arrival for the mid-year meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 1949 at Rayne Memorial Church, were registered and assigned to homes by Mrs. E. S. Middleton of Rayne Church. Hostesses from the Gretna Church served refreshments from 1:00 to 4:00 P. M. as the members arrived.

At 4:00 P. M. the first session of the Mid-Year Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was called to order by the President, Mrs. Glenn Laskey.

In bringing greetings to the committee, Mrs. Laskey referred to this meeting as A Time Apart, a time for spiritual refreshment, the same as when Christ drew apart with his disciples in like manner.

Mrs. Dunbar, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and

Service, opened the meeting on a high level. She began by reading the 24th Chapter of St. Luke where Jesus was walking, unknown at the time, with his disciples, on the road to Emmaus. She pictured Christ as moving forward from 12 years of age on and saying, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is yet day." She closed with asking, "Do we want to go farther with Him in the Woman's Society?" He has gone on before us, we must make haste to catch up with Him; he's beckoning to us — we should place our hands in His and ask Him if we might go farther with Him."

Sentence prayers followed, lead by Mrs. Laskey.

The roll was called by the Secretary, Mrs. E. N. Jackson. Present were: Mesdames Glenn Laskey, F. E. Kennon, E. N. Jackson, Sam B. Dunbar, C. F. Goldthwait, Glen R. Nordyke, A. M. Freeman, E. A. Sartor, W. E. Trice, Lee Tidwell, Ira Campbell, C. I. Jones, George E. Powell, J. H. McSween, N. B. Riddle, H. H. Wall (substituting for Mrs. Coopender), P. D. Lambert, L. S. Broussard, W. S. Deas, Larkin Brantley, E. E. Stewart, Marlin W. Drake, Miss Mary Gladys Page representing Miss Grace Lawson, Secretary-Elect for the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Laskey welcomed three new members to the committee — Mrs. Hurvie Moak, President of the Monroe District; Mrs. George Willis, President of the New Orleans District; and Mrs. J. L. Saxon, Treasurer of the Shreveport District.

The reading of the minutes of the called meeting in Shreveport at the Conference School of Missions was omitted by general consent, since the acting secretary, Mrs. Broussard, had mailed copies to all members.

Mesdames Nordyke and Trice were appointed to send appropriate messages to those who were unable to attend. A telegram from Mrs. John Dixon expressing her best wishes and prayers for a successful meeting was read by the Secretary.

Correspondence from Mesdames Sexton, Hicks, Dameron and D. M. Campbell regretting the necessity of their absence was read. Mrs. Laskey read a letter from Mrs. S. J. Fairchild who offered her resignation as Conference Vice-President due to the necessity of her staying by the bedside of her aged father who is seriously ill.

The president recalled that a year had gone by of the Advance Program and requested a more sober outlook to search what the needs are, to study our goals and see where there has been failure, and what the committee could do to help put over this great program. She stated that there has been a decrease in giving this quarter over the same quarter of 1948 — a decrease in membership over the United States and Louisiana. She noted an improvement in Missionary Personnel.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Due to the absence of Mrs. Fairchild, there was no report of her office, however Mrs. Laskey was very complimentary of the fine work done by Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Ira Campbell told on the numerous reports over the Conference of the success of the World Federation Dinner Program, directed by Mrs. Fairchild at the spring meeting.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. E. N. Jackson stated that the Annual Report was a little late in being published this year, due to the change in year and the late District meetings held over the conference where officers were elected. etc.

She reported 1,000 copies of the Annual Report printed at a cost of \$657.90; of the copies sold to date over the Conference \$127.50 has been received.

Mrs. Goldthwait recommended that a committee write a letter of recognition for our use of the beautiful Advance Symbol used on the front cover of the Annual Report to Mrs. Wood of DeQuincy, Louisiana. The secretary was instructed to do so.

Mrs. Laskey and others expressed appreciation and pleasure over

the picture of Miss Alexa McCain having been placed in the front of the Annual Report.

It was voted that hereafter each year's Annual Report include the pictures of the Missionaries going out from Louisiana.

Mrs. Jackson displayed two beautifully bound copies (\$2.50 per copy) of the two Quadrenniums of the W. S. C. S. Annual Reports which were done in a maroon color with gold lettering, these to be placed, along with the other bound copies of the old Missionary Society, in the Library of Centenary College for safe keeping and where they can be referred to or be on display.

Due to illness, Mrs. Hicks, the Spiritual Life Chairman, was absent. The committee missed the inspiration of her presence. Mrs. Laskey spoke of the scintillating letters sent out through Spiritual Life by Mrs. Hicks and was sure they have been inspiring to all women.

Literature and Publications: Mrs. Nordyke reported 179 societies reporting out of 262. This quarter there are 939 subscribing to "The Methodist Woman" and 609 to "The World Outlook". There are 33 societies reporting every officer subscribing to The Methodist Woman.

Mrs. Nordyke stated that each month she had contacted a conference officer for publicity in "The Louisiana Methodist", but regretted that some were not given space for their publication. However, she was very grateful to the editor for the excellent articles that have been published.

Mrs. Dunbar requested a little change in the ordering of the literature for the Seminars. She stated \$860.00 worth of literature was sold at the Seminars.

Mrs. Nordyke sent sample packets of Week of Prayer material to each society over the Conference.

There was some discussion on whether the literature sent to each promotion secretary was being used (this material is at the expense of the districts). This was referred to the finance committee for a recommendation.

Mrs. E. E. Stewart read the following report from Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Secretary of **Organization and Promotion**:

As usual, we gain a little and then lose a little. We have added a few new societies, but some have fallen by the wayside. The rolls were cleared at the end of the Interim Period and the membership showed a loss of about 600 for the first quarter. Mrs. Woolever says this was general and that we must not be discouraged.

Some of the Districts have long since completed the Caravan Visitation and sent in good reports. Others have not reported its completion.

Since we lost in membership, if we are to make the 15% gain asked for in the recommendations, it will have to be actually about 20% increase. Reporting has improved and both New Orleans and Lake Charles Districts have had quarters with 100% reporting. Lake Charles District boasts the only 100% Church in the conference.

Beginning with the March 1950 issue of The Methodist Woman, the Advance Clipper will be incorporated into the magazine.

The highlight of the Spring meeting was the itineration of Mrs. W. B. Landrum who was both helpful and inspirational. In this connection we claim credit for a move forward in race relations by sharing her with the Central Jurisdiction for two meetings while she was in New Orleans.

Because there are so many commercial firms seeking to secure lists of names from our society in order to sell their products, and in order that the society—Conference, District and Local—may be protected from these inroads, the Division adopted the following action: "Mailing lists of officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall not be furnished to commercial firms."

Will all District Promotion Secretaries who receive reports on

"Modified" report blanks, please notify other district officers that the society has reported.

Mrs. Laskey asked that societies exercise care in striking names from the rolls because a member has failed to sign a pledge card. She reminded those present that membership consists of **services, gifts and prayers** — 600 members have been lost in the past year.

Children's Work — Mrs. A. M. Freeman. Mrs. Freeman gave the number of societies reporting as 131 out of 255.

The names of three new district secretaries of Children's Work were reported by Mrs. Freeman: Baton Rouge District, Mrs. H. W. Heitman, Ponchatoula, Louisiana; Lake Charles District, Mrs. Grady Harris, Lafayette, Louisiana; Shreveport District, Mrs. M. A. Roberson of Gilliam, Louisiana (Hosston Church).

Excerpts read from an interesting letter from Miss Van Hooser in regard to Children's Work — \$92.18 was reported by Mrs. Freeman as the amount contributed through the children for the 5 month ad interim period but stated that this was only a portion of money sent in during the first quarter of 1949.

Mrs. Freeman requested closer cooperation and coordination of the secretaries of Children's work in the Woman's Societies and the Directors of Children's Work in the Boards of Education on all levels.

The Children's Bulletin may be included in "The Methodist Woman" hereafter, stated Mrs. Freeman. Mrs. Freeman gave the number of members in W. S. C. S. of Louisiana Conference to be 9,864, the number in the Wesleyan Service Guild as 1,384 — total 11,248.

Eight seminars were attended by Mrs. Freeman and a Children's Clinic and Workshop was held at the Conference School of Missions in Shreveport.

Following this report a prayer was offered by Mrs. Laskey and the meeting stood adjourned for dinner until 7:30 P. M.

Dinner

The ladies of the W. S. C. S. of Rayne Memorial were hostess to the Committee for a delicious dinner where bronze and yellow chrysanthemums were in array.

Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Johns were present for the dinner hour.

Mrs. Laskey, on behalf of the entire committee, thanked the ladies of Rayne Memorial for the beautifully appointed dinner and the warm welcome extended to each.

Tuesday Evening

The Committee Meeting was opened at 7:30 P. M. and the reports from officers continued.

Youth Work — Mrs. E. A. Sartor. Mrs. Sartor stated this was her eighth report to the Executive Committee which would complete her tenure in office.

The four points of Youth Work in the Advance Program were given emphasis by Mrs. Sartor, and the theme for this year — "Jesus' Way, Our Way". The four points being (1) Leadership — 163 youth secretaries elected in 1949.

Mrs. Sartor stated that Youth Work was presented for the first time at the Seminars this year.

(2) Study — "Japan and Cooperation for a Christian Society". 318 girls enrolled in the World Friendship groups.

(3) Missionary Personnel — 66 committees reporting.

(4) Giving — every member in every Methodist Youth Fellowship contributing to the Methodist Youth Fund.

The Advance Program requests that the Methodist Youth Fellowship not take on a Missionary Special but direct their giving only to the Methodist Youth Fund. Also that the M. Y. F. continue to give

to Overseas Relief or "Care" through the proper channels if any money is left over after their pledge to Methodist Youth Fellowship Fund is met.

\$3,692.10 was given by the Methodist Youth Fund through the Church School and \$1,846.09 through the W. S. C. S. was channelled through the Woman's Division for the nine months. The Louisiana Youth were 3rd in the Jurisdiction in giving to the M. Y. F. for the 2nd quarter.

A fine Youth Fund Map has just been published which portrays the various M. Y. F. over the world contributing to the Methodist Youth Fund.

A letter from the Woman's Division was read by Mrs. Sartor inviting the youth to the Assembly to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, April 18-21, 1950. In the recommendations from the Assembly it was voted that each Conference W. S. C. S. send a youth representative from the World Friendship Groups of girls to the Assembly; also that an invitation be extended to each Methodist College and each Wesley Foundation to send one representative to the Assembly, expenses paid by the group sending them. Since the students are having their National Quadriennial Methodist Conference at Urbana, Illinois it is recommended by the Woman's Division that expenses of one student sent from each Conference be paid by the Conference W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Weaver, new secretary of Youth Work in the Ruston District, represented Mrs. Sartor at Mt. Sequoyah for training in Youth Work. Mrs. Weaver presented Youth Work at three Seminars and the study of Japan at one Seminar.

Missionary Education and Service — Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar. Mrs. Dunbar thanked all Conference and District Officers who worked so untiringly at the Seminars. She stated that three study courses were presented with plans for teaching, five departmental clinics held and Program Building also presented.

Mrs. Dunbar stated that a highly successful Pastors' School and Conference School of Missions was held at Centenary College. She stated that three studies were taught, with outstanding teachers and five Departmental Clinics held: 158 registered, 108 credits given, 4 visual aid films shown. \$260 was allowed for the Conference School of Missions of which \$16.91 of this amount was refunded to the Conference Treasurer.

Mrs. Dunbar was asked by the Dean of Pastors' School, Rev. Haugh, to express to the women the appreciation of the Board of Managers of Pastors' School for their cooperation in connection with the Pastors' School.

The following three courses are recommended by Mrs. Dunbar to be taught at the Conference School of Missions for 1950:

- (1) "The Near East"
- (2) "A Christian's Vocation"
- (3) "Toward a Christian Community"

Mrs. Dunbar referred to the Finance Committee the request for \$300 (instead of \$260) be budgeted toward expenses of School of Missions for 1950, thus enabling her to pay an honorarium for a teacher.

The following lines of work will be emphasized at the Jurisdiction School of Missions in 1950: Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, Wesleyan Service Guild, President, Student Work, Missionary Personnel, and Literature and Publications.

The following Workshops are being recommended for the schools: (1) The work of the W. S. C. S.; (2) Recruitment and Christian Vocational Opportunity; (3) Enrichment Materials in Program Building (Drama, Visual Aids, Publicity).

Three new district secretaries of Missionary Education and Service elected.

There were 25 more Societies represented at the Seminars than heretofore.

356 outlines sold.

Mrs. Laskey requested that those Conference Officers who are to attend the Jurisdiction School of Missions begin to make their plans to go, and if they find it impossible, to select some capable District Officer in the same line of work to replace her. She urged the Districts to acquaint the District Officers of the wonderful opportunity for training offered them at the Conference School of Missions and urge their attendance for promotion of the work.

Mrs. Laskey voiced appreciation for each person's part in making the School of Missions a success.

A ten minute intermission was enjoyed before resuming the evening's work.

Student Work — Mrs. W. E. Trice. The coming year is one to which we can look forward. Emphasis is to be placed upon youth and students, this being the year of the great Urbana Conference on December 27-January 1 at the University of Illinois. Students gather for a convocation with representatives of youth from every university in the nation. Mrs. Trice urged that the women over the Conference who are interested in doing something for the students, get the students to the Urbana Conference. Each college has a quota for those eligible to go.

Student Recognition Day will be the last Sunday in December, and each Pastor should be approached by the Student Secretary and asked, wherever possible, to use the suggested program for this day.

The new motto for students is: "Wanted! Students for Christian Service".

On December 3rd and 4th a Vocational Conference will be held at Centenary College for all Life Service Volunteers in which the Woman's Society will cooperate.

It is suggested that returning missionaries be itinerated on the various college campuses. It is hoped that Miss Dorothy Nyland can be secured for the guest speaker at the Youth Conference in the spring.

Miss Pearl May Kelly was complimented by Mrs. Trice as doing a fine piece of work on the campus at Lafayette.

Prayer cell groups are being conducted each morning at 7:00 a. m. on the L. S. U. Campus.

Several new student centers are being erected on the campuses over the Conference. Splendid work also is being done at the Student Centers at N. J. C. (Monroe), McNeese (Lake Charles), and Louisiana Tech (Ruston).

There was some discussion as to whether credit could be received for money (as supplies) for the furnishing of student centers where Conference Workers are located at these centers.

Mrs. Tidwell, **Conference Secretary of Supplies**, called attention to Article I, Section 14 (page 304) of the Ninth Annual Report of the Woman's Division where it reads: The Secretary of Supply Work shall promote interest in the sending of needed supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the supervision of the Woman's Division. She also called attention to the list of the Educational Institutions on page 153 of the Division Ninth Annual Report, showing that Southwestern Student Center is listed along with Sager-Brown as work under the Woman's Division, thus it could be counted as supplies.

Mrs. Trice suggested that Societies near colleges bring in their students, who went on Caravans, to give interesting accounts of their activities.

Mrs. C. I. Jones told of the fine student activities at Tulane and Newcomb under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Pollard.

Status of Women — Mrs. Ira Campbell. The last report to be called for before adjourning for the evening, was made by Mrs. Ira Campbell.

She reported 126 Status of Women Secretaries reporting the past quarter.

Mrs. Campbell stressed the importance of electing women to serve on the various boards, etc., and places of responsibility wherever asked to represent their churches.

The presidents of the districts were reminded to give the local secretaries of status of women some time on the district program for cultivation of their work (or arrange a workshop).

The Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Status of Women were asked to cooperate, one with the other, along the lines of legislation, etc.

It is hoped that in each church some one woman be elected to a place on the general board or some place of leadership in her church.

Mrs. Laskey called attention to the Agenda saying that the Committee would meet Wednesday morning promptly at 9:00 A. M. at Carrollton Avenue Church.

The meeting stood adjourned.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

Wednesday Morning Session — October 26th

Mrs. Laskey called the Executive Committee to order at 9:00 A. M. in the sanctuary of Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church.

A very warm welcome was given the Committee by the hostess president, Mrs. R. P. Castleberry, who made necessary announcements for the day.

Mrs. E. E. Stewart opened the worship with a poem "Suppose" by Edgar A. Guest. She read from Paul where all are admonished "to live lives in the unity of spirit" and "to study to show thyself approved of God". We have read and studied a great deal on our Advance Program but "have we done anything about it" asked Mrs. Stewart. "How many of us have gotten one member since the Advance Program?" she inquired.

Mrs. Stewart closed with prayer. Reports were continued.

Christian Social Relations — Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait. Mrs. Goldthwait mentioned the storehouse of material sent to secretaries of C. S. R. to be read. Interesting reports from the district secretaries have been received by Mrs. Goldthwait of what is being accomplished over the conference. In one society the women have succeeded in having the liquor advertisements stopped in the daily newspaper.

Not enough reports coming in, in comparison with the number of societies and work done.

Mrs. Goldthwait requested the district promotion secretaries see that the C. S. R. secretaries get a notice of what those using Adaptation or Modified plans are doing along this line of work because, otherwise, it brings the percentage down of what Louisiana is doing. Two new district secretaries have been elected.

Mrs. Laskey requested that each district promotion secretary correct her list of presidents in the Annual Report so that all presidents will receive all correspondence promptly.

The importance of the observance of "Officers Training Day" was stressed by Mrs. Goldthwait, in order that new secretaries may learn of their responsibilities.

Attention was called to the value of coupons sent to Memorial Mercy Home (which has been changed to "Methodist Home Hospital"). \$608.00 has been received by the Home from coupons sent in. Since the money is badly needed at the Home it was requested that Societies be urged to send in coupons from the following products: Obelisk flour, all Luzianne coffee and tea products, Magnolia Brand Milk and Borden's Milk, Ballards Enriched Flour, Rumford Baking Powder, Jersey Corn Flakes, Mrs. Filbert's Oleomargarine and all Octagon

Products such as soap powder, cleanser, flakes, toilet soap and laundry soap.

The Workshop of Southern Church Women held in Atlanta, conducted by Mrs. T. E. Tilly, was attended by Mrs. Goldthwait, at which Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Goldthwait requested women attend open court trials where underprivileged are being tried to see that justice is being done. She suggested women attend in groups of two, never alone.

It was called to the attention of the women by Mrs. Goldthwait, that children labor laws are not always observed, such as instances in New Orleans where small children were used to set up pins in the bowling alleys and kept up until 2:00 A. M.

Mrs. Lambert asked that copies of state labor laws be mailed to the district secretaries of C. S. R.

Mrs. Tilly requested names of women be sent her who would be willing to be called on telephone to inquire into any happenings where there is any question or doubt.

It was announced that Miss Eleanor Neff will be an instructor in the Conference Social Action School.

Mrs. Goldthwait suggested a community survey by a committee of women of the negro homes and report the needs.

As member of the Legislative Council, Mrs. Goldthwait and her committee will inquire into the Juvenile Training Schools for boys and girls in the state. She requested that **correct, actual** information be sent her concerning these schools.

The president suggested that a form letter, with enclosed card for reply, be sent out whereby accurate information may be obtained as to how many Displaced Persons have been placed over Louisiana.

The film strip "Answer to Ann" provides valuable information on Displaced Persons.

Financial Report, Christian Social Relations:

Balance January 1, 1949	\$ 61.38
Rec'd Conf. Treasurer March 23	100.00
May 1	100.00
Sept. 26	50.00
	<u>\$311.38</u>
Postage and Mailing	51.93
Stationery	22.79
Literature and Findings	12.80
Telephone	5.69
Trip to Washington Seminar	
\$96.36 less \$20 subsidy	76.36
Memberships	9.50
Legislative Council	37.67
Social Action, District Meet	9.60
To Mrs. Ellis (National Seminar)	34.00
Southern Church Women's Conference, Atlanta	28.00
Fare to Baton Rouge, Legislative Council	1.78
	<u>\$290.12</u>
Balance on hand, October 25, 1949	\$ 21.26

Wesleyan Service Guild — Miss Mary Gladys Page (reporting for Miss Grace Lawson). Miss Page announced a Guild Executive Meeting to be in Opelousas in November. 75 Guilds in the Conference; 63 new members obtained last quarter; 1,584 Guild members in the Conference.

A plea was made by Miss Page that W. S. C. S. members encourage women who cannot attend the W. S. C. S. meetings to join the Guild.

Thirty-two new subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and 24 to The World Outlook.

Miss Page reported the Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer was very successful, with Mesdames Riddle, Kennon and Miss Elizabeth Thomp-

son giving valuable aid to the meeting. Also Mrs. Broussard in meeting with the local district secretaries.

A district Guild has been organized in the New Orleans District with four W. S. C. S. members as Counsellors.

Help from the Status of Women secretary was asked in turning over to the Guild all names of employed women as the Responsibility lists are being made. Also that as young girls and women change to positions in other places they be told about the Guilds and their work. She asked that names on any of these be sent to her.

Miss Josephine Stinson requests that all Conference Officers assist the Guild weekend in any way they can.

The president asked that Miss Page confer with her Committee as to what feature the Guild would like to have on the Conference program.

Mrs. Ira Campbell mentioned the fact that October is Wesleyan Service Guild Month and that the Woman's Society and the Guilds should enter into a joint meeting of some kind.

For a few minutes intermission, the committee members were refreshed with coffee served in the dining hall of Carrollton Church by the ladies of Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church.

Treasurer — Mrs. F. E. Kennon. Mrs. Kennon reported a 11.01% decrease in giving over last year for the same period over the Division as reported by Mrs. Gibson, Division Treasurer.

Mrs. Kennon reported \$11,469.85 paid on pledge to date. The total on Appropriations for 1949-50 being \$12,693.12. Cash for Supply Work \$1,563.92. Supplementary Gifts \$1,095.00.

Since 3c per mile does not cover expenses of car for officers' traveling, Mrs. E. E. Stewart requested the Executive Committee to consider 5c per mile and this be referred to the Finance Committee.

Supplies — Mrs. Lee Tidwell. Mrs. Tidwell spoke of the inspiration she has received from the love and service being done by the women over the Conference through Supply Work.

A letter was read by Mrs. Tidwell from Miss Nellie Dyer, Korea, thanking the Louisiana Conference for their many gifts to Korea through Supply Giving.

\$7,804.90 in value and cash has been given for the interim period and the first quarter (\$5,640.71 cash for Home and Foreign Supplies and \$2,164.19 as value of Supplies).

She was very proud to announce Louisiana is leading the Jurisdiction in value and cash supply giving. A letter was received by Mrs. Tidwell from Mrs. McCreech that Louisiana and Southern California are among the largest givers in the Supply Work.

Mrs. Laskey mentioned the fact that using the slides from Miss Thompson's office helps to improve Supply giving. Miss Thompson requested that slides be returned to her immediately after using, since they are booked far in advance.

Mrs. Tidwell reported that a phonograph has been donated to People's Community Center by the Noel Memorial Church Society and read a letter of appreciation for this gift from Mrs. Carter, Head Resident at People's Community Center.

Business Girls' Inn. It has been recommended that girls staying at Business Girls' Inn be from the ages of 17 years to 30 years, preference given to those around 17.

Residence limited in the Inn to be from 1 year to a limit of 3 years. The Head Resident given authority to make exceptions whenever deemed advisable. All unmarried women with exception granted by the Head Resident.

Sager-Brown, Baldwin, Louisiana. There was some discussion on the place of moving Sager-Brown School to New Orleans where it would become an orphanage for Negro children, who would be educated in the public schools of New Orleans. A letter was read from Miss Ristine's secretary that consensus of opinion from the committee on Child Welfare that there should be a population study made of the

school and if this school is moved to New Orleans that the New Orleans Council of Women working with Negro children draw up plans to meet these needs.

Attention was called to the fact that Bayou Teche is eating into the land at Baldwin and that it is possible for the school be moved to the property across the road. Mrs. Thomas, Conference Worker at Sager-Brown, says that it is of definite value that Sager-Brown School remain at Baldwin as it is the only school for Negro rural children in that parish.

It was voted that Mrs. Kennon write and ask the Division what became of the \$92.20 in supplies sent to Peck Hall and requested that it be channeled for use at Dulac.

It was stated there is a need for a mule to be found for use at MacDonell School.

Missionary Personnel — Mrs. C. I. Jones. Mrs. Jones expressed her delight, when receiving a copy of the Ninth Annual Report, on finding the picture of Miss Alexa McCain.

Upon motion it was voted that as each missionary from Louisiana is accepted by the Missionary Personnel Committee his or her picture be included in the Annual Report

The motion was amended that the Home workers who have been accepted for full time service have their pictures also included.

Miss Lucille Hurley of Minden, Louisiana and a graduate of S. M. U., is to be sent to a foreign field immediately after being consecrated at Buck Hill Falls on December 8th. She is expecting to be sent to Manila to teach Home Economics.

The president, Mrs. Laskey, requested the Treasurer to send a congratulatory letter and best wishes of the Executive Committee on December 8th.

Mrs. Jones stated that it has been a long time since the Conference has had a girl to use the Hayes' Scholarship at Scarritt. She read a letter from Miss Naomi Windham expressing appreciation for the help given her in receiving this scholarship.

Miss Nan Terrill from Ruston hopes to go to Brazil to teach in a high school or college there.

Mrs. Jones stated there are other girls in college who are considering full time service.

The following books were recommended by Mrs. Jones to be used to encourage young people for service:

"Look at the Missionary", "Wouldn't You Like to Go", "There is a Job for You".

Leaflets called "Methodist Service Projects" are available for anyone to use with young people.

It was recommended by Mrs. Jones that the Missionary Personnel Secretaries ask their Pastors to preach one sermon a year to Youth encouraging them to enter full time service.

High school seniors and over are invited to attend the Christians Vocations Conference planned for December 3 and 4, Centenary College, for all full time Youth Volunteers. Also employed young people who are interested may attend, especially those interested in Music, Ministry or Missions. It is hoped that the local churches will assume the traveling expense and some of the meals for this Conference. Meals will be around \$5.00 or \$6.50. Outstanding speakers will be there to present the entire mission program to this group. Mrs. Jones asks that the Missionary Personnel Committee in each church meet and send a representative, two volunteer workers be sent if possible.

Mrs. Jones requested that the \$12.50 allotted to her office per quarter for expense account be allotted to the expense of the youth attending the assembly.

Mrs. Trice requested the finance committee to consider placing again in the budget the \$75.00 allocated in previous years for the

defraying of expenses of young people, or student secretaries, to Regional Youth Conference.

Mrs. Dunbar reported that three of the J-3's have decided to go into full time service. Mrs. Kathleen Thain, in showing slides on Japan at Louisiana Tech, was very complimentary of the J-3's and stated they are going to be the salvation of Japan.

The following committee appointments for the afternoon were made by Mrs. Laskey: **Promotion** — Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Chairman and all District Presidents and Promotion Secretaries. **Finance** — Chairman, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, and all District Treasurers (and Promotion Secretaries if they finished on the other committee). **Program** — Chairman, Mrs. Ira Campbell, with Mesdames W. E. Trice, Glen R. Nordyke, W. S. Deas, Guy Hicks, and Lee Tidwell. **Missionary Personnel** — Chairman, Mrs. C. I. Jones, with Mesdames E. A. Sartor, W. E. Trice and Miss Elizabeth Thompson. **Resolutions** — Chairman, Mrs. A. M. Freeman and Mrs. E. N. Jackson.

Following the committee announcements by the president, the meeting stood adjourned for lunch at 12:30 P. M.

Luncheon

A delicious lunch was served the Committee by the women of Carrollton Avenue Church. The tables were colorful with Hallowe'en decorations and yellow daisies for a centerpiece.

While at the table, letters were read by Mrs. Laskey from Alexa McCain and Marzette Stephens.

Miss Stephens thanked the Executive Committee for the monthly spending money sent her while attending Scarritt.

Miss McCain, from Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, sent greetings "from a child of India". She gave an interesting account of her trip to India and stops along the way, especially in Cairo, Egypt. She expressed her love already for the college and stated that the college receives the "cream of the land" as freshmen who are sent after graduation all over India.

A "Round Robin" letter to Miss McCain was begun by Mrs. Laskey and passed around to all members who were asked to write individual letters as soon as possible.

Mrs. Ira Campbell presented her New Orleans District Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. W. D. Storms, who was one of the hostesses for the luncheon.

The president expressed appreciation to the women of Carrollton Church for the delightful hospitality extended the committee and the delicious luncheon served.

The committees retired to the various rooms assigned them for work.

Dinner

The members assembled at 6:30 P. M. at First Church for the evening dinner. Beautiful flowers in fall colors formed the centerpiece on each table and a "Thanksgiving Feast" was served the committee by the ladies of First Church Woman's Society. Sketched scenes of New Orleans marked the place of each person and lovely white starched miniature crocheted baskets full of delectable mints were the favors at every place.

After the evening's dinner, Mrs. Laskey expressed sincere thanks to the Committee of First Church for its gracious hospitality.

Wednesday Evening Session

The committee reconvened at 7:30 P. M.

Mrs. Laskey gave brief reports of the workers. She stated there was a new Student Counsellor at Northwestern in Natchitoches. Miss Mantha Rose Caraway, who is doing a very creditable work with the students there and where a new student center has been erected, to be dedicated on November 5.

Mrs. Laskey reported that Mrs. Folk (formerly Miss Lucille Pierce) will remain another year at La. Tech in the capacity of student worker and is continuing her excellent work. Mrs. Dail is the new Head Resident at MacDonell School at Houma, Louisiana. This school is now a boarding and training school for rural young people who attend the public schools in Houma.

Mrs. Laskey told of the number of Indians who have come to live near Dulac and Houma and are being taught at MacDonell and Dulac.

St. Mark's Community Center — Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary at St. Mark's of the dedication of the building they are now occupying, an interesting pageant with a cast of 100 people was put on at St. Mark's which was written by Miss Day. Miss Daves assisted Miss Day in putting on this pageant which was followed by a tea.

Radio spots are put on at intervals about St. Mark's.

The Woman's Division has allocated \$1,500 toward repairs for St. Mark's.

Mrs. Goldthwait asked each one to watch for the article by Miss Day to be in the January "Methodist Woman".

Dulac Indian School's plans were displayed by Mrs. Jones. Two large army barracks were placed in a T-shape for the use at Dulac. The land is very marshy, is in dire need of lots of work to be done to complete the building and make the grounds suitable.

It was voted that the Woman's Division be asked to appropriate towards Dulac and make Dulac a part of the property of the Woman's Division.

The following resolution was adopted by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in its mid-year Executive Committee Meeting, held in New Orleans, October 25-26, 1949:

Whereas, the Dulac Indian project is an outgrowth of the rural work at MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, Louisiana, and

Whereas, it has become too heavy a financial burden for the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service to carry on as supplementary giving or through Supply channels, and

Whereas, a new school building has been constructed and paid for cooperatively by the Methodist Church of Louisiana and the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Woman's Division, and

Whereas, funds are needed for its completion, and full time workers are needed to carry on the work of the school, therefore

Be it resolved, that the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service recommend to the Woman's Division of Christian Service that it include in its 1950-51 budget sufficient funds to employ one or more full time workers to carry on the work at the Dulac Indian Mission, and

That in consideration thereof the Houma Heights Charge of the Methodist Church through the required legal channels convey and transfer title to the property on which the school is located together with all improvements thereon to the Woman's Division with the exception of one measured acre on which the Dulac Church now stands, and that one-half the mineral rights be retained by the Houma Heights Charge, and one-half the mineral rights be included in the conveyance of title to the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Upon motion it was voted that Mrs. Fairchild be asked to retain her position as Vice-President until the spring conference

Rural Work — Miss Elizabeth Thompson: Miss Thompson reported that she attended the Scarritt Training Center in Crossville.

One of Miss Thompson's responsibilities is to do the over-all planning, and it is her desire to have a demonstration center for rural work in each district wherever leadership may be found.

Miss Thompson read a letter from Miss Marzette Stephens who is the new rural worker for the Alexandria District for the Melville Charge.

Miss Thompson will mail each Conference Officer a report as it pertains to her line of work.

She expressed joy and satisfaction in having a part in helping to raise the level of the total life of the communities in connection with carrying on the rural work.

Mrs. Tidwell mentioned the need of a car for Miss Stephens and that as Miss Thompson has to go all over the state a new car has been purchased for her use and the old car to be used by Miss Stephens. It has been requested that each society allocate some money towards the new car which is a part of the Advance Program.

The president read a letter from Mrs. Brooks, Division President, naming those eligible to attend the Assembly, namely: The Conference President, a Wesleyan Service Guild representative, and one district officer from each district (recommended that it be the district president or promotion secretary) to be elected by District Executive Committee.

Mrs. J. H. McSween read the following recommendations of the Finance Committee which were adopted separately:

The Finance Committee recommends:

1. That the Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications notify Literature Headquarters to discontinue sending sample literature to the District Secretaries of Literature and Publications, and that each District Secretary of Literature and Publications order such literature that fits the need of their District.

2. That \$300.00 be included in the budget for the Conference School of Missions to cover Honorariums, Conference Officers' Expense and travel expenses for corresponding District Officers, as follows: Alexandria, \$7.00; Baton Rouge, \$20.00; Lake Charles, \$15.00; Monroe \$6.00; New Orleans, \$20.00; Ruston, \$5.00; Shreveport, \$5.00.

3. That \$150 of the amount set up for a Conference Youth Director be used for expenses of a student delegate and a MYF delegate to Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio, in April, 1950. This money is available due to the fact that we have no Youth Director at present. This \$150.00 to be augmented by the \$50.00 Annual Expense Allowance due Mrs. C. I. Jones, as Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

4. That each District Seminar collection, after local expenses are paid, be turned over to the Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service for Seminar cultivations.

5. That the Louisiana Conference of the WSCS accept the offer of a loan, not to exceed \$2,800.00 from an interested friend, for completion of the building at Dulac, when and if we get title that is acceptable to the Woman's Division. This money is to be repaid with Supply money and a supplementary Gift from the Conference.

Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Treasurer

Mrs. J. H. McSween, Secretary

It was voted that resolutions be drawn up empowering Dr. Johns and Mrs. Sexton to present to the Board of Missions and Woman's Division asking for appropriations for workers to Dulac.

Mrs. Lambert read the Recommendations from the Promotion Department to the Mid-Year Executive Committee.

We recommend:

1. That we urge the completion of the Caravan Visitation by January 1950; and that the visitation be considered as not complete until, through systematic follow-up, every Society and Guild has been contacted.

2. Since it is impossible for the Conference to achieve its fullest purpose without the service of every Methodist woman, and since many of our societies do not have an active membership committee, we urge the forming of an active membership committee in every society. (Duties are defined in Article IV, Section 7 of By-Laws of local society.)

3. That every society strive to increase its membership at least 15% over the figures contained in the Interim Report, before the end

of the third quarter — February 28. (In the next few weeks the Conference Promotion Secretary will send to each society the number of members it must gain to accomplish this recommendation.)

Suggestions for increasing membership:

A. A Membership Contest: (Choose captains and divide membership equally).

For getting a new member, the side scores	25 points
For attending a Woman's Society or Circle	20 points
For attending Church service	15 points
For each call on prospective, ill or shut-ins	10 points
For each visitor brought to meetings	5 points

Set a time for the contest to close, and impose some kind of penalty on the looser.

B. Organize "Shut-in or Brides' or Young Mothers' Circles"

C. Contact women who have no church home, and newcomers to the community then be sure a challenging program is presented, and that there is opportunity for fellowship at the close of the meeting.

D. Urge enrollment of District members.

4. That every local society order and use the new leaflets on "Officers Training Day" to be had free from Literature Headquarters.

5. That in striving to attain Goal 2, we emphasize the fact that the giving is of ourselves, time, talent, etc., and that we organize small prayer groups who will select individuals to work with and pray for; that we encourage and try to bring to life the Prayer Meeting in our own church.

6. That we keep before our young people the different types of Christian Workers who are needed and that we help in defraying expenses of young people to Summer Youth Camps where many decisions are made.

7. That each society look back to its total giving in 1947 and make every effort to give in 1949-50 at least 33⅓ above that amount.

We recommend to Conference to ask Division Headquarters to include in each report book for the local Society. A "John Doe" report completely filled out with itemized instructions for each question printed on the back, including a modified plan blank and a modified treasurer's blank.

Dr. Johns was asked to explain the relationship of Dulac to the Conference and to clarify the ownership of the Dulac property. He stated that the deed to the property is held by the Houma Heights Charge. He was asked to submit copies of the deed to the Conference President (Mrs. Laskey), Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Sexton.

Program Committee for the 1950 Annual Meeting — Mrs. Ira Campbell, Chairman: Several suggested themes were submitted and others on the Executive Committee were asked to send in any they thought could be used.

Dates set for the Annual Meeting were March 28, 29, and 30th in Ruston, La.

The following plans were discussed:

A Departmental Diet Luncheon.

Two Division Workers to be guest speakers: Mrs. Edwin White to lead the Time Apart Services and Miss Dorothy Nyland, student work.

Sacrificial Meal

Conference Officers be on the platform as the "President's Cabinet" when she addresses the Conference.

A Student Dinner

A Wesleyan Service Guild Dinner.

Conference Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. Goldthwait present Judge Chris Barnett as guest speaker on juvenile delinquency.

District reports given by a parade of the Promotion Secretaries to be presented in a dramatic form at the dinner the second evening.

(It is hoped to secure Bishop W. C. Martin.)

Some Missionary impetus for the Thursday morning session, closing with a pledge and consecration service and a Time-Apart by Mrs. White.

Resolutions were read by Mrs. A. M. Freeman and approved.

Resolutions:

Coming to the close of the 1949 session of the Mid-Year Executive Committee the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference, we feel grateful to the New Orleans Churches for the hospitality they have extended us.

No happier choice of a place of meeting could have been made than beautiful, historic New Orleans, abounding in Southern tradition, lavish in hospitality which is an evidence of our Heavenly Father's love "who hath made everything beautiful in its time".

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed in making this meeting a source of fellowship and inspiration: to Gretna Woman's Society for greeting us upon our arrival with a refreshing coffee hour; to Rayne Memorial W. S. C. S. who served the lovely dinner on Tuesday evening and to Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Taylor; to the Napoleon Avenue ladies for the mid-morning coffee hour; to the Carrollton Avenue W. S. C. S. and the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Leug for the delicious luncheon and their warmth of welcome; to Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Melbert of First Church, and their ladies for the beautifully appointed dinner on Wednesday evening; to the committee who planned for our entertainment and those who shared their homes so graciously.

We should like to express in a special way our debt of gratitude to our Conference President, Mrs. Glenn Laskey.

Finally, we leave this Executive Meeting with experiences deepened and horizons widened as we prayerfully face the tasks that await us in the coming year with renewed vigor and faith and acknowledge that for Christian women the only way is "Advance".

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. M. Freeman

Mrs. E. N. Jackson

The Secretary was instructed to send copies to the societies of the New Orleans Churches and to the New Orleans District Executive Committee.

The president requested the district presidents and promotion secretaries submit names to the Conference Research Committee for the offices to be vacant.

At 11:30 Wednesday night the meeting of the Executive Committee was closed by all forming a circle, joining hands and singing together "Blest Be the Tie that Binds".

The Executive Committee stood adjourned to meet again in Ruston, Louisiana, March 27, 1950.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

Monday, March 27, 1950

The members of the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee, upon arriving in Ruston for the Annual meeting, Monday, March 27, 1950, were graciously entertained with a buffet luncheon in the home of the President, Mrs. Glenn Laskey. Mrs. Laskey was assisted by her two charming sisters, Mrs. Jack C. Ritchie and Mrs. Allen Barksdale. Artistic arrangements of beautiful camellias, iris, dogwood and double carnations had been placed in the dining room, music room and solarium.

Each person was served turkey with all the trimmings and with coffee and tea served from a handsome silver service, after which they found their places at individual tables.

After thanking Mrs. Laskey for her wonderful hospitality, the members re-assembled at Trinity Methodist Church for an Executive

Committee meeting.

Preceding the formal opening of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Executive Committee was called to order at 2:00 P. M., March 27, 1950, in the Wesley Class Room of Trinity Church, Ruston, La., by the President, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, who welcomed the new members to the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Laskey called attention to the attractive envelopes prepared by Mrs. W. S. Deas and the Arcadia Society. These envelopes contained the material necessary for delegates attending the Conference. An artistic pencil sketch of Trinity Church was portrayed on the front of the large envelope, together with a poem, "Faith" by Grace Noll Crowell.

Mrs. Laskey asked that as the devotional was given that each one be in a prayerful attitude that this Conference program be of such a nature that it might prove of immense value through the year. Mrs. D. M. Campbell quoted "Come, let us pray and take counsel with one another as we do thy will" and then led in prayer. "The Lord Reign-eth" was read responsively, followed by the silent reading together of "A Charge to Keep I Have". She stated that living in a time such as this, when there is strife and discontent, we were fulfilling God's purpose for us by "serving the present age" and making some contribution to the world. A period of directed prayer followed, and was closed by Mrs. Campbell.

The recording secretary checked the roll and noted the absence of the following: Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. Dick Watson and Mrs. Gladney Hoffpauir. Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Kennon were appointed to send telegrams to the absentees.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Regina Wood, thanking the Committee for its letter of appreciation for her contribution of the "Advance Symbol" selected by the Division.

Mrs. Laskey passed out the agenda of the United Nations Seminar and stated that 100 are eligible to go.

The President called attention to the fact that this is election year and expressed her appreciation to the Chairman of the Research Committee, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, and her committee for their efforts and fine work rendered.

As this is Assembly Year, a representative from each district is entitled to go, a representative from the Guild, the Conference President and one representative from the Executive Committee.

It was voted that each district be requested to allow \$150.00 for its delegate to the Assembly in Cleveland.

Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Powell were appointed to distribute ballots for the elections of a representative from the Executive Committee to Assembly.

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, Vice-President, stated that it was the first time she had been able to report 100% reporting of the District Vice-Presidents. She called attention to the fact that some districts are falling down on the number of Life Memberships given. The goal set is at least one from each society each year. Mrs. Laskey suggested that more time be given at Zone or District meetings for the presentation of Special Memberships.

It was voted that each society may have its choice of appointing a member of the Finance Committee to promote Special Memberships in the Society, or, if desired, the Vice-President may be co-opted to serve on the Finance committee and promote special Memberships.

A report was given by the tellers on the balloting for a representative from the Executive Committee to attend the Assembly. 23 votes were cast and the two receiving the highest number were Mrs. Kennon, 9, and Mrs. Dunbar, 6. A second balloting was taken, in which Mrs. Kennon received 22 and Mrs. Dunbar, 6. A vote was taken for alternates for the President and for Mrs. Kennon. A report from the tellers gave Mrs. Dunbar a majority as alternate for the President and Mrs. Goldthwait as alternate for Mrs. Kennon.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Promotion Secretary, stated that there was very inadequate reporting from the caravanning. She also stated that there was a 15% increase in membership over the interim period. Mrs. Campbell highly favored the use by local societies of the Transfer Cards that are available from headquarters, thereby keeping in touch with members moving from one locality to another. She suggested that circuit societies might be organized including all churches on that circuit. There are 175 unorganized charges in Louisiana. Mrs. Campbell displayed the leaflet "Oh Yes You Can", which gives all the answers for anyone who says she can't belong to a society. Every society is striving for a 100% society (every woman in the Church a member of the society, except non-resident members). Mrs. Campbell stated that a Church may be considered organized where there is a Guild but no Woman's Society of Christian Service.

A few moments recess was given to enjoy coffee, cookies and sandwiches served by Mrs. Floyd James, Mrs. William James, Mrs. Ben Rush and Mrs. J. G. Wells.

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary, reported the printing of 1050 copies of the Annual Report at a cost of \$657.90, not including cost of mailing, etc., nor the amount received from the sale of the Minutes. She reported that the remaining Conference Annual Reports had not been bound because of the lack of the 13th copy, printed in 1923.

Mrs. Jackson asked permission to include a report blank in the front of the Annual Report whereby each society President is to fill in and mail, telling whether or not her society has studied the Annual Report sometime during the 1st quarter. It was approved.

Mrs. Metcalf, Research Chairman, asked permission to include a blank in the front of the Annual Report to be used by societies to send names of women who are good officer material to the Research Committee. This request was also approved.

Mrs. Campbell recommended that as there are several new District Promotion Secretaries, that the seven District Promotion Secretaries meet with her for a day of training.

Mrs. Campbell asked that when there is the election of a new District officer, the new officer's name be sent to her as soon as possible.

Mrs. Laskey requested the Zone leaders get together and plan their dates ahead so their meetings will not conflict, as the District President is needed at each meeting.

Mrs. A. M. Freeman, Secretary of Children's Work, read the recommendations from Mrs. Van Hooser. She stated that it was necessary that local children's secretaries be responsible for additional sessions held for children. She also felt that these secretaries should attend the District meetings. Mrs. Freeman suggested that the District Secretary of Children's Work offer training for local secretaries in this line of work and, when possible, provide workshops.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson announced that two conferences on children's work would be held this year, one to be at MacDonell and one at Caney Lake. The topic for these will be "Migrants".

Mrs. Kennon called attention to the fact that money received from additional sessions goes towards appropriations.

Mrs. Freeman expressed regret that she had found it necessary to resign from her work and Mrs. Laskey thanked her on behalf of the committee for the fine work she had rendered the Conference.

Mrs. Sartor stated that Miss Nan Terrell, a student at Tech who wants to give full time service as an LA3, will be our youth representative to Assembly.

Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Treasurer, reported a total of \$55,005.32 was received through the 3rd quarter, leaving a total of a little over \$24,000 to be received in the last quarter. She quoted the figures of Mrs. Warner, Jurisdiction Treasurer, that in order to reach the goal of a

33½ increase on appropriations, Louisiana Conference needs to increase its giving to \$90,682.13.

Mrs. Laskey expressed her gratitude to the District Treasurers for the fine work they had done. The Treasurers then retired for a Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Sam Dunbar, secretary of Missionary Education and Service, reporting the first 3 quarters work, stated a gain of 1,798 in the number enrolled in study and a gain of 1,270 in the number enrolled in approved studies. The number of JR classes remained about the same. There were less efficiency classes reported. Successful results have been shown in JR classes.

Mrs. Dunbar stated the theme for the 1950 School of Missions, which will be held August 28-Sept. 2, 1950, is "We Seek Him Together". Three courses are to be taught, "The Near East"; "A Christian's Vocation" to be taught by Miss Eleanor Neff, Associate Secretary of Christian Social Relations in the Division; and "Corporate Worship", to be taught by Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Education. It is hoped that Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Deaconess, will teach the fourth study being offered this year "Toward a Christian Community.

Mrs. Dunbar stated six departmental clinics will be set up to be led by Conference officers attending Mt. Sequoyah for training this summer: Presidents, Mrs. Laskey; Student Work, Mrs. Trice; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Jones; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Nordyke; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Goldthwait; and Missionary Education, Mrs. Dunbar.

Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Secretary of Literature and Publications, reported 3640 subscriptions to The Methodist Woman, a gain of 505 over 1948. There are 2408 subscribers to The World Outlook, a loss of 34 over 1948. Of 277 societies, only 34 reported 100% of their officers subscribing to the former and 11, the latter. Mrs. Nordyke asked that societies be urged to increase their subscriptions in order that they may be better informed.

The matter of publicity in "The Louisiana Methodist" was discussed. It was voted that a letter be written the Editor concerning the omission of articles sent in and the use of future information. Mrs. Dunbar expressed a desire to have publicity concerning the School of Missions and the Seminars in the August issue.

Completing 8 years of service as Secretary of Youth Work, it was with deep feeling that Mrs. E. A. Sartor presented her last report to the Executive Committee. She read the recommendations for Youth Work that were included in the envelope given to each delegate. She emphasized the recommendation on Missionary Personnel.

Mrs. Sartor called attention to Miss Helen Johnson's article on Youth in the April issue of The Methodist Woman.

She reported that the amount sent in from June 1, 1949 to the present date for the Methodist Youth Fund was \$2,137.67. She called attention to the following films to be used with Youth: "Your Nickels, Your World"; "Choosing Your Life Vocation"; and "Where Are You Going". These films are available from the Board of Christian Education.

Mrs. Sartor expressed her appreciation for the joy which her association with the Executive Committee had brought. Mrs. Laskey responded, expressing the feeling of loss which the Committee feels as officers retire.

The Committee stood adjourned to go directly to the dining hall of Trinity Church.

DINNER

Beautiful Spring flowers were artistically arranged at the entrance to the dining room and as centerpieces on the tables. After the invocation by Rev. Branton, a very appetizing meal was served by the

hostess society. Attractive hand-painted menus were by each place and favors for the members were the beautiful "Faith" booklets by Bishop Ralph C. Cushman.

Mrs. Laskey introduced the local president of the Woman's Society, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, who welcomed the Executive Committee to Trinity Church. Mrs. Laskey also expressed her pleasure in having the Executive Committee to meet with her home church.

EVENING SESSION — March 27, 1950

The Executive Committee reconvened at 7:15 to continue reports of Secretaries.

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, made the following financial report:

Balance, October 25, 1949	\$21.26
Rec'd from Conf. Treas., Jan. 22, 1950	50.00
March 10, 1950	100.00
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Disbursements:

Stamps and Mailing	36.11
Stationery	17.95
Literature	14.44
Peace Conference	19.73
Telephone	2.13
Memberships:	
Legislative Council	37.67
Methodist Fed. Social Action	5.00
La. Conf. Social Welfare	3.00
State prize, Alcohol Essay Contest	25.00
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Balance on hand	\$ 10.23
Balance to June 1, 1950, with Conf. Treas.	66.99
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Total balance to June 1, 1950	\$ 77.22
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Mrs. Goldthwait asked permission of the Committee to use \$25.00 of the amount budgeted for Christian Social Relations to be applied towards awards for the best essays written by the young people over the state on "The Alcohol Problem and its Solution". She requested that all read the article pertaining to alcohol which would appear in the next issue of The Methodist Woman.

Mrs. Goldthwait recommends that we work for an act to establish a permanent Louisiana Youth Commission. The Jurisdiction recommends that Children's Workers be a part of the Christian Social Relations Committee, and Mrs. Goldthwait asked that this be done in District and local societies.

She stated that a leaflet, "Zion Herald" is available to combat the article in the Reader's Digest on "Pink Fringe". Mrs. Goldthwait urged all women to write the editor of Reader's Digest and ask that the editor have every fact proven before an article is printed.

Mrs. Laskey regretted that Miss Grace Lawson, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, could not be present because of serious illness in her family, and spoke of the splendid work done by Miss Lawson. Miss Mary Gladys Page was acknowledged as representing the Guild in Miss Lawson's absence.

Mrs. W. E. Trice, Secretary of Student Work, stated that Student Work has become one of our most effective pieces of work. She mentioned a student conference held in Baton Rouge, and said that Miss Dorothy Nyland, Division Secretary of Student Work, has met with student groups over the state and has secured names of young people for volunteer service.

Mrs. Trice thought that getting the students interested in caravan-

ing was the first step towards their thinking of service in the foreign fields. She also stressed the showing of the films that are available which will lead them into the various religious fields they could enter.

Mrs. Trice stated a work camp is being planned for college students in the Baton Rouge District which will also bring in some of the last year high school students. She requested that each committee member go back and ask her society to budget some money to help out with these week-end work camps.

Mrs. Trice mentioned the slogan of the Missionary Personnel which is "Fifty for Louisiana in 1950".

Miss Dorothy Nyland was presented by Mrs. Trice to the Executive Committee.

Mrs. C. A. Jones, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, stated the first goal of the Missionary Personnel department is to get workers to "go into all the world". The following books and leaflets were recommended by Mrs. Jones: "Invitation To Decision", "Wouldn't You Like To Go?", and "Look Into the Missionary Field".

Mrs. Jones related that the L. A. 3's (Latin America for 3 years) were to be sent to ten of the Latin American countries. Women of the Woman's Society have been able to interest young people as they have told them of opportunities for service through the church. This has resulted in volunteers for the L. A. 3's.

Plans are being made to send 25 more J 3's to Japan this Fall to assist the J 3's that are already there. Next year it will be A 3's for Africa.

Mrs. Jones shared with us some pictures of interesting places she and her mother visited this past Summer where our young missionaries are stationed.

She stated that positions are available at this time in the Methodist hospitals in Alaska for girls who have their R. N. (Registered Nurse) degree. Mrs. Jones displayed an attractive booklet put out by the children of the Jessie Lee Home in Alaska.

Attention was called to two special recommendations; (1) In small societies who do not have enough officers, the President shall serve as Secretary of Missionary Personnel until a Secretary can be elected, (2) When young people are found who want to go as part-time missionaries, their names should be sent in **at once** to the New York office or to Mrs. Jones, and see that they get a copy of "Methodist Service Projects for 1950". Mrs. Jones asked that each member present take one home to her District Missionary Personnel Secretary.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Supplies, stated that there is dire need for food and clothing all over the world, and urged that the women send more boxes of food and clothing. She called attention to the new Supply schedule.

The amount given for supplies for the three quarters is \$19,755.03. \$1,252 was reported by Mrs. Tidwell as the amount paid on the Rural Worker's car, leaving a balance of \$623. She requested that those who have not contributed do so by April 20th. Mrs. Tidwell called attention to the new institution on the Supply Calendar which is Bragg Hall at Scarritt College.

It was voted that the money received from the Sacrificial Meal on Wednesday be retained until the first quarter of 1950-51, so that it may apply on the 'askings' for that year for Latin American projects.

Mrs. A. H. Wilcox represented Mrs. Guy Hicks, Secretary of Spiritual Life. She stated that "with more prayer we can all Advance".

Mrs. Fairchild was appointed by the president to send a message of greeting to the women of the Baptist Missionary Union meeting in Pineville.

Mrs. Ira Campbell, Secretary of Status of Women, related that there has been a better understanding of Status of Women work the past year. 221 women reported being members of official boards in their churches, and Mrs. Campbell asked the women to accept places offered them on various boards. Mrs. Campbell said she was pleased

over the good representation of women at the Conference and District Meetings.

Attention was called to the Recommendations of Status of Women where the Secretary of Status of Women is to serve with other secretaries on four other committees, also with the study groups.

Mrs. Campbell asked for the cooperation of the entire Executive Committee with her successor in office. Mrs. Laskey spoke words of praise for the fine ground work laid by Mrs. Campbell in the Status of Women work.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Kennon, at this time presented the following proposed Budget for Cultivation for 1950-51:

Recommended Budget for Cultivation, 1950-51

Officers' Expense	\$ 850.00
Annual Conference	800.00
Conference Executive Meeting	200.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	250.00
Conference School of Missions	300.00
Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions	400.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Work Shop	60.00
Conference Minutes	550.00
Bank Charges	6.00
Stationery	100.00
Insurance -- Automobile	225.00
Automobile Expense	200.00
Youth Director	600.00
Co-operative Meetings	225.00
Youth Assembly	75.00
Meetings for Workers	50.00
WSG Cultivation	409.25
Division Cultivation	31.45
Jurisdiction Cultivation	377.43
Miscellaneous	281.37
TOTAL	\$6,290.50

The Recommendations of the Finance Committee were read by Mrs. J. H. McSween, Secretary of the Committee. (See Report of Treasurer to the Conference and Recommendations of the Finance Committee.) Each recommendation was discussed, acted on separately and approved by the Executive Committee.

A delightful interlude was enjoyed as members of the hostess society served fruit juice, cookies and fudge squares.

Mrs. Laskey expressed appreciation and pleasure for the support given Dulac Indian Mission School. She stated that the total value of the new building at Dulac is \$13,731.96. To date we have paid \$495.02 on the amount which we assumed which was needed to finish the building. The president called attention to a poster of the new building which was on display in the book room.

Mrs. Laskey also spoke at length on the great needs of MacDonell Methodist Center at Houma.

The following committees were appointed by the president: Distributing Tellers: Mrs. Leslie Morris, Mrs. Geo. Mod, Mrs. John Sewell, Mrs. H. O. Cain, Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Mrs. Clark Bell; Counting Tellers: Mrs. C. C. Hightower, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. John Michaud, Mrs. Don Winenger, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. Don Kinnebrew; Resolutions: Mrs. Carl Lueg, Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Mrs. W. L. Doss; Journal: Mrs. L. C. Blackburn, Mrs. R. B. Crichlow, Mrs. Phillip Stanley.

Mrs. Goldthwait, reporting on St. Mark's Community Center, stated that the attendance at the day nursery or child care center is decreasing and may eventually have to be closed. She gave the reason for this decrease in attendance as increase in unemployment of

women in New Orleans. She stated that \$6,000 a year has been spent for salaries alone for that part of the center.

Mrs. Powell, reporting for Miss Marzette Stevens, told of the work which Miss Stevens has been doing in supplying fine recreation for young people who formerly found their only recreation in night clubs. Mrs. Powell told of the work being done with the church school, and the children's choir at Krotz Springs, and she also teaches piano lessons to some of the children. Miss Stevens has been asked by the District Superintendent to return next year.

The Committee adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Dameron.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE SESSIONS of the WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Ruston, Louisiana, March 28, 29, 30, 1950

Beginning at 9:30 A. M. Tuesday, March 28, 1950, delegates were greeted by Mrs. B. H. Rainwater and her committee and were registered in the Educational Building at the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Louisiana, by Mrs. R. L. Fuller, Registration Chairman and her Committee.

The women of the hostess society, with Mrs. L. K. Wells in charge, had thoughtfully prepared and served coffee and doughnuts to the guests after registration. Some time was spent in the Book Room where the Literature was on display, with Mrs. R. W. Vaughan in charge.

At 11 o'clock the doors were closed and a Quiet Time Dedication Service was observed, directed by Mrs. Edwin B. White, Division Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

The altar worship center of Easter lilies, and white candles burning in an eight-branched candleabra the base of which was a cross, added to the worshipful atmosphere of meditation in preparation for the service.

The hymn, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" was sung, led by the guest song leader for the Conference, Mrs. David Tarver.

Mrs. White used for her theme, "Victorious Faith—It's Meaning For Me" (See Address in back of book).

The beautiful Quiet Time was closed with a few moments being given for self-examination and with those who wished to do so given the privilege of witnessing for Christ. Mrs. White closed with prayer. A Hymn of Dedication was rendered by Miss Joy Tisdale of Louisiana Tech.

Mrs. Laskey made announcements concerning the Sacrificial Meal to follow. She requested that all go silently into the dining hall where the hour was to be used for meditation and prayer in unison, directed by Miss Pearlye Mae Kelly, Director of Student Work at Southwestern Institute, assisted by Mrs. Geo. Thomas of Lafayette.

As the proceeds from the Sacrificial Meal were to be directed towards Latin America, attractive paper cut-outs of their native palms, done in watercolor, with the menu printed on the inside, were at each place. A pencil-sketchd map of Latin America was on the wall and Latin American food was served.

The Wesley Foundation students gave a meaningful skit, telling through a student who was skeptical of its merits, the importance and need of missions. It was presented in an artistic manner, with unseen speakers representing Latin America's own natural resources. Only when the student saw the Son of Man shine through, which cast the shadow of the cross across the map of South America which was

hanging on the wall, was she moved to make her contribution to missions with a prayer. It was a very moving scene and those looking on were impressed with their obligations to that cause.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Tuesday, March 27, 1950

Beautiful organ music was rendered throughout the Conference by Mrs. S. L. White.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President, declared the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service to be opened.

Greetings from Trinity Methodist Church to the delegates and visitors were extended by Mrs. Laskey, after which she presented the President of the hostess Society, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, who gave a warm welcome to the delegation.

Mrs. Laskey stated it was her desire that the Time Apart Service had attuned each one to the meetings to fellow.

The hymn, "O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink", was sung.

Mrs. W. S. Deas, President of the Ruston District, read the Scripture from the 2nd chapter of St. James and led in prayer.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, reported on the action taken at the mid-year Executive Meeting which was held in New Orleans in October. She also reported on the action taken by the Executive Committee at the meeting Monday afternoon and evening, March 27, which preceded the Tenth Annual Meeting. The minutes stood approved with one correction.

Mrs. Ira Campbell, chairman of the Program Committee for this session, literally appeared dressed as the cover of the program leaflet with "Forward Through Faith" printed on the front. She told, in a unique way, of the long range planning that had been done by the committee to bring her, as the program, into being. She requested that she, as the program, "be taken home with each woman" back to her own society to become a part of her life.

Mrs. Fairchild, Vice-President, very graciously introduced the President, Mrs. Laskey, as one who is an outstanding leader and who has never failed to inspire others through her faith and work.

Mrs. Laskey presented her "Cabinet", which consisted of the Conference Officers.

A stirring President's Message, the theme being "A Methodist Woman Looks At Herself" was given by Mrs. Laskey. She carried our thoughts back to when there was at the beginning, the "Ladies Aid" of fifty years ago, from the horse and buggy days to the day of the atom — from the day when woman's place in the home entirely to today, when woman is at home in any field and, as a group, are a powerful group. She closed by saying it is up to the women to help bring light to a stricken world. (See President's Message).

Announcements were made by Mrs. Laskey concerning tickets that were still available for the Student Dinner.

The Benediction was pronounced by the local Minister, Rev. R. R. Branton.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

GUILD DINNER

The Guild Dinner was held in the dinning room of the First Baptist Church of Ruston, where about 60 Guild members were present. The invocation was given by Rev. R. R. Branton.

The program during the dinner hour was directed by Miss Vera Winfree, Guild Secretary of the Ruston District.

Beautiful white dogwood, crab-apple blossom and Japanese lanterns lent a Japanese setting to the program which centered on Japan.

After a hospitable welcome was extended by Miss Winfree, the

response was given by Mrs. Minza Raybun, Guild Secretary of the Monroe District. Mrs. Laskey was introduced to Guild members by Miss Winfree, who gave a glowing picture of the growth of the Guild from year to year. Conference officers attending the dinner were presented by Mrs. Laskey.

Miss Grace Lawson introduced the five Guild Secretaries present and Miss Mary Gladys Page, Secretary-elect of the Guild.

Mrs. Guthrie of the Monroe District presented Miss Lawson with an Honorary Life Patron Membership. This membership was given by the Guilds in appreciation for the splendid service she has rendered through the seven years of her tenure in office.

Mrs. David Tarver beautifully sang several selections, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. B. Williams.

Miss Lawson introduced Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Miss Marzette Stevens, Conference Rural Workers, and Miss Mary Beth Littlejohn of MacDonell Methodist Center at Houma.

The guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. Kathleen Thain, Assistant Professor of French at Louisiana Tech and a former teacher in Japan, was presented by Miss Lawson.

Mrs. Thain highly praised the work done by the Methodist missionaries in Japan. Interesting pictures were shown of the missionaries and institutions over Japan. Because she was so interesting and presented the mission work in Japan so beautifully, the time slipped hurriedly away and those present regretted to end this occasion to assemble at Trinity Church for the evening's program. (See excerpts of Mrs. Thain's message in back of book.)

STUDENT DINNER

The Student Dinner was held at the Ruston High School, with a number of students and adults who are working with students and youth present. Representatives from Louisiana Tech, Northwestern State College, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Centenary College, Louisiana State University, and several high schools were present at the dinner.

The invocation was given by Rev. George F. Pierce, Jr.

Mrs. W. E. Trice, Conference Secretary of Student Work, very graciously presided over the Dinner, and introduced the guest speaker, Miss Dorothy Nyland, Division Secretary of Student Work.

Miss Nyland spoke on "Adventure In Understanding", using the story of Alice in Wonderland as a comparison of people in everyday life. She stated that there is a great need for more Wesley Foundations on college campuses—that young people are straying from religion and putting dates, sororities, etc., first. She also stated that there is a need for missionaries on college campuses as well as in foreign lands.

EVENING SESSION

Soft organ music was rendered by Mrs. White as the delegates and visitors re-assembled at Trinity Church for the evening session.

A very beautiful worship service, in the form of a pantomime, portrayed a student seeking to find God and God's will for him in this chaotic world. This impressive worship service was directed by Mrs. J. T. Folk, Director of Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech.

Special music by the Louisiana Tech Choir, under the direction of Mr. Marshall Bretz, Minister of Music, included two beautiful selections: "Jesus Lord, My Light and Life" and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

The forceful and dynamic speaker for the evening was Rev. Geo. Baker, Chaplain of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. The theme of his address was "Our Far-Flung Brother Line". (See address in back of book.)

Rev. Baker closed this stirring message with prayer.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, District Superintendent of the Ruston District.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President
Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

WEDNESDAY MORNING

March 29, 1950

A very worshipful atmosphere prevailed as one entered the Sanctuary and heard the soft organ prelude by Mrs. S. L. White. Adding to this was the beauty of an artistic arrangement of magnificent white, rose and purple stock which had been given by the local W. S. C. S. honoring Mrs. Laskey.

The theme Mrs. G. W. Dameron used for the morning worship was "A Faith To Hold Against the World". She read from the 23rd Psalm and from Isaiah—"For unto us a child is born—the government is upon his shoulders and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Nations shall rise and fall but of His kingdom there shall be no end". Mrs. Dameron asked that we not be ashamed to testify for Christ, who brought light and immortality to the Gospel. "This is but the beginning of a great span of life, but it is my faith to hold against the world that this Christ has abolished death. This Christ will continue to establish a kingdom that has no end."

A beautiful solo, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" by David Tarver set the tempo for the day.

Mrs. Laskey presented the Chairman of Registrations, Mrs. Lane Fuller, who reported 193 official delegates, 30 Guild representatives, 42 members of the Executive Committee and eight Conference workers. The delegates were requested by the President to sit in a body near the front in order to facilitate counting for voting strength. 162 was counted as the voting strength of the body.

Under the order of business, Mrs. Laskey established the bar. The Conference Research Chairman, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, read the following slate of nominees to be voted on:

President — Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. E. N. Jackson

Treasurer — Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Mrs. J. H. McSween

Sec. of Children's Work — Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Mrs. Chas. Chisholm

Sec. of Youth Work — Mrs. J. R. Weaver

Sec. of Student Work — Mrs. W. E. Trice, Mrs. Thomas Folk

Sec. of Status of Women — Mrs. F. C. Haley

Sec. of Spiritual Life — Mrs. A. H. Wilcox

Sec. of Missionary Personnel — Mrs. C. I. Jones

Ballots were distributed by the tellers. Privilege for nominations from the floor was given by the President.

Mrs. Laskey declared the ballots closed and the tellers retired to count the vote.

Each year at the Annual Meeting, impetus is given throughout the Conference to certain phases of the work of the Woman's Society. This year, the emphasis was on Student, Youth and Children's work.

Mrs. Laskey presented as the speaker for the morning, Miss Dorothy Nyland, Division Secretary of Student Work. Miss Nyland spoke on "Forward Through Faith In Our Students". She had been visiting campuses over the United States, helping students to solve problems of every type, not just religious problems, and showing them how Christianity can help in any profession—politics, law, diplomatic service, business, or any other. (See excerpts from Miss Nyland's message in back of book.)

Miss Nyland closed with prayer that the lives of our young people be directed by God to the true path and that we, as older people, help them step out into that path.

Mrs. Laskey introduced Mrs. Geo. Thomas, President-elect of the Lafayette W. S. C. S., who asked for the privilege of presenting an

Honorary Life Membership to Miss Pearlye Mae Kelly, Director of Student Work at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette. This membership was given by friends of Lafayette in appreciation for her outstanding work with the students on the campus.

Miss Nyland was asked by Mrs. Thomas to present Miss Kelly with the membership pin. Miss Kelly, feeling her humility, knelt at the altar for a few moments.

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, stated that because we have always been concerned about the welfare of children a time was given on the Conference Program for this consideration. She said that everyone should be interested in Juvenile Legislation which is to be presented at the coming Legislative Session.

Judge Chris Barnette, Judge of the Juvenile Court in Caddo Parish, was presented by Mrs. Goldthwait. Judge Barnette spoke on "Forward with Juveniles in Louisiana". (See excerpts of this message in back of book.) Mrs. Goldthwait thanked Judge Barnette for the store of information which he brought to the women.

The report of the Chairman of the tellers, Mrs. C. C. Hightower, was given, showing the following Conference Officers were elected by a majority vote: President, Mrs. Glenn Laskey; Treasurer, Mrs. F. E. Kennon; Children's Work, Mrs. J. C. Whitaker; Youth Work, Mrs. J. R. Weaver; Student Work, Mrs. W. E. Trice; Status of Women, Mrs. F. C. Haley; Spiritual Life, Mrs. A. H. Wilcox; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. C. I. Jones.

At this time the nomination of Miss Mary Gladys Page as Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild was ratified.

Mrs. Laskey very graciously thanked the conference members for their vote of confidence in electing her President for four more years, and said that it was a great joy to serve again in this capacity. The Conference body stood in appreciation of the splendid work she has done.

Courtesies were extended by Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter. Mrs. Ledbetter said that it was always a high privilege to recognize the ministers and their wives and former Conference Officers among us. She asked the retiring officers to stand and expressed appreciation for their faithful service.

A Time Apart service was directed by Mrs. Edwin B. White, who used for her theme "And Ye Shall Go In . . . and Find Pasture". (See excerpts in back of book under "Addresses") Mrs. Marshall Bretz sang "My Cathedral" by Walter Blaufuss, after which Mrs. White closed with prayer.

Mrs. Laskey made necessary announcements concerning the Departmental Diet Luncheon, which was in charge of Mrs. Paul Davis as Chairman. Typed directions were passed out so that each person could find her designated place to meet with her Conference Officer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

March 29, 1950

After a time of working together, the various groups assembled in the sanctuary at 2:00 P. M. for the afternoon session.

Mrs. Laskey read a telegram of greetings and best wishes for the Conference from the Baptist Women's Missionary Union which was meeting in Baton Rouge.

Announcement was made by Mrs. Laskey concerning the tea being given at the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, honoring the Conference Woman's Society.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Supplies, presided over the next part of the program which was "Workers In Faith". This was presented in the form of a travelogue of our institutions over the State. A huge illustrated booklet on a stand, showing a golden helicopter as the means of travel for the afternoon to take us for an imaginary visit to these institutions. Mrs. Houghton, Secretary of Supplies of the

Monroe District, turned the leaves as each place was visited, the pages providing information about each institution.

The following were interviewed by Mrs. Tidwell as she travelled in the helicopter: Mrs. Mary Freeman, Business Girls' Inn at Shreveport; Mrs. Evelyn Thomas at Sager-Brown Home in Baldwin; Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Miss Marzette Stevens, Rural Workers; Miss Faye Daves at St. Marks Community Center in New Orleans; Mrs. George Carter at People's Community Center in New Orleans; Mrs. Ada Dail at MacDonell School in Houma; and Miss Wilhemina Hooper at Dulac.

Mrs. Tidwell, upon returning from her imaginary trip, stated that as we think of each person in each institution, we should move out into the Advance for Christ and assist in supporting these places.

Mrs. Laskey praised the work being done on the campuses by Mrs. J. T. Folk at Louisiana Tech, Miss Pearlye Mae Kelly at Southwestern, and Miss Mantha Rose Caraway at Northwestern.

A telegram of best wishes was read at this time by Mrs. Laskey from the President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Louisiana, Mrs. St. Amant.

It was a very touching scene when Mrs. Fairchild called to the rostrum the retiring Conference Officers and the corresponding incoming Officers. Mrs. Fairchild expressed sincere appreciation for the fine work rendered and presented each with an Honorary Membership. Those retiring were: Mrs. A. M. Freeman, Children's Work; Mrs. E. A. Sartor, Youth Work; Mrs. Ira Campbell, Status of Women; and Mrs. Guy Hicks, Spiritual Life Cultivation. Corresponding new officers standing with them were Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Mrs. J. R. Weaver, Mrs. F. C. Haley and Mrs. A. H. Wilcox.

For the Benediction, Mrs. Hicks gave the poem of which she was the author, entitled "Church Windows". (Rev. Hicks was a former pastor of Trinity Church and had the privilege of helping to select the windows as the Church was being built). Mrs. Hicks asked each person present to turn towards the windows, which portrayed the life of Christ, as she gave the poem, and then she requested that the women "take Christ out of the windows back home with you".

TEA

Louisiana Methodist Orphanage

Upon leaving the afternoon session at the church, the delegation was delightfully entertained at the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage which is located on the outskirts of Ruston.

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. White and the hostess in the home and in each cottage graciously received the guests, showing them over the new buildings that have recently been dedicated. These consisted of the beautiful colonial home which houses the senior high school girls and those attending Louisiana Tech.

The chapel was next shown, with Rev. White receiving in the vestibule. In the new Recreation Hall, Mrs. White was receiving and the guests were served in the large recreation room from a beautifully appointed lace-covered table.

"Dinner With The Districts"

At 6:30, guests arrived at the Ruston High School where they were served a delicious dinner, which was in charge of Mrs. Jack Ritchie, chairman. For centerpieces on the tables, beautiful old-fashioned wild honeysuckle, bridalwreath, azaleas and dogwood were arranged in large, colored straw hats. At each place was a clever recipe for a good district, which was: mix together 1 cup of age, 1 cup of youth, 1 cup of experience, and 2 cups of enthusiasm. Stir in 4 cups of new societies. Melt and add to this mixture 6 cups of new members. Season well with Spiritual Life Cultivation. Pour into pan and sprinkle with study classes and Christian Social Relations

activity. Cover with largest per capita giving and garnish with children, youth and students. Serve at once with Methodist Women and World Outlook.

Corresponding to the golden key in Alice's Wonderland was a paper cut-out golden key on which was written "A Key to Membership in W. S. C. S." The menu was a map of Louisiana drawn showing the location of the seven districts, which included the menu and the evening's program on the inside.

The stage setting for the program "Dinner With the Districts" which was written by Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Promotion Secretary of the Shreveport District and presided over by Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Conference Promotion Secretary, was an outdoor scene with birds shown flying in the background and pink dogwood trees on either side. The theme of the program was "Alice, the Methodist Woman in the Wonderland of the W. S. C. S." (with apologies to Carroll).

The Doxology was sung and the invocation was given by Rev. Branton. During the dinner hour two special solos were beautifully sung by Miss Joy Tisdale.

Sitting on the stage were the Promotion Secretaries of the seven Districts, together with Mrs. Campbell. A young mother, Mrs. C. B. McEachern of Monroe, sat on the stage, reading Alice in Wonderland to her two lovely children, Ann and Bob. The story was interspersed by the District Secretaries reports of the activities and accomplishments of their Districts and showing on attractive charts what was being done over the Districts.

The charts or posters were displayed as each phase of the work was reported on. (See Reports of the Districts and of the Conference Promotion Secretary.)

"Let us not fail to get women into the beautiful garden of the Woman's Society by the method 'each one bring one'", said Mrs. Campbell.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

March 29, 1950

At eight o'clock the evening session opened with the call to worship by the President. Rev. Branton, pastor of the hostess church, read the scripture from the 11th chapter of Hebrews. The anthem "Glorious Is Thy Name" was directed by Mr. Marshall Bretz.

Mrs. Laskey stated it was her very happy privilege and pleasure to present as the guest speaker of the evening her friend, Bishop Dana Dawson, of the Kansas-Nebraska Area and former pastor of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport.

Bishop Dawson brought a challenging message on "A Testament of Faith" and read scripture from the 9th chapter of St. Mark. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he". (See excerpts in back of book under "Addresses")

The Communion service was administered by the District Superintendent and the Ministers who were present. Rev. C. B. White pronounced the Benediction.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

THURSDAY MORNING

March 30, 1950

The last day of such a meaningful time together of another great Conference was opened with Mrs. Laskey introducing the Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Glen Nordyke, who read from the 2nd chapter of 1st Corinthians "For we walk by faith and not by sight".

Mrs. Nordyke said that E. Stanley Jones reminds us that the king-

dom of God begins and ends with the individual. Our work must show that we are followers of Christ. There can be no enduring faith without enduring work and there can be no enduring work without enduring faith. The disciples often talked with God in order to be able to walk with Him. "The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" Mrs. Nordyke closed with prayer.

Under order of business, Mrs. Laskey called for a report from Mrs. L. C. Blackburn, Chairman of the Journal Committee. Mrs. Blackburn reported that the Minutes of the Secretary had been audited and approved.

Mrs. Laskey called for the report of the Resolution Committee from Mrs. Carl Leug, Chairman. They were read and adopted.

Resolutions

We, the members of the Resolutions Committee, on behalf of the Tenth Annual Session of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service, wish to express our deep appreciation to the following:

To the members of Trinity Methodist Church of Ruston, who have by their efficient planning and warm spirit of friendliness helped to make this a memorable Conference.

To Mrs. L. C. Aycock, President of Woman's Society of this Church, and to her committee chairmen, her pages and every member of her society who have been ever present to care for our needs and surrounded us with beautiful flowers and cordial hospitality.

To the Rev. R. R. Branton, our host pastor and his wife, to the Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, District Superintendent and his wife, to the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Vaughan, and the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hearn, who have been gracious and generous in their hospitality.

To the Ruston Chamber of Commerce for making us welcome and excusing us from feeding the parking meters, the First Baptist Church for graciously entertaining the Wesleyan Service Guild, and to the Ruston High School for the use of their facilities for our banquets.

To the organist, soloists, and choirs for their lovely renditions.

To Mrs. Ira Campbell, Program Chairman and her committee for so carefully planning these days of sharing in inspiration, information and fellowship.

To Mrs. Edwin B. White, Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation of the Woman's Division, for the enriching experience that we shared in silence, meditation and communion.

To Miss Dorothy Nyland, Secretary of Student Work of the Woman's Division, and Chaplain George Baker of Southern Methodist University, for challenging us and the students to grow in the four-fold life and to minister to the far-flung brother lines by giving of substance and life service.

To Mrs. J. T. Folk, Miss Pearlye Mae Kelly, and their co-workers, for so ably leading us in worship at the Sacrificial Meal and the Tuesday evening service and to the students, who participated in the preparation and presentation of these services.

To Mrs. Kathleen Decou Thain, Assistant Professor of French at Louisiana Tech, who brought to the Wesleyan Service Guild most interesting facts of the work of Methodist Missions in Japan.

To Judge Chris Barnette who acquainted us with needs for Legislation in the interest of juveniles in Louisiana.

To the Rev. C. B. White, Superintendent of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, and Mrs. White who so graciously entertained us at a tea at this institution.

To Bishop Dana Dawson, Louisiana's contribution to the Episcopacy, for proclaiming again the Good News which send us "Forward through Faith".

To Mrs. H. D. Haberyan, President of the Louisiana Council of Church Women, for enlarging our vision and pointing us to the field of opportunities in Latin America.

To the Conference Officers for their splendid reports and capable leadership.

To the faithful services of the janitor, Clayton King, who came early and stayed late that our needs were well looked after.

Lastly, to our beloved president our tribute of gratitude for leading us during four years of postwar adjustment. Mrs. Laskey, we would give you thanks and appreciation for all of it, not forgetting that in it all you have been upheld by the loyalty and understanding of your lovely family. Looking forward through faith to another quadrennium of service in His Name.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Carl Leug, Chairman

Mrs. J. C. Whitaker

Mrs. W. L. Doss

A collection was taken for the janitor, Clayton King, and for Sager-Brown School for special needs there. Fairchild.

PROGRAM ON ADVANCE

1950-51

We Recommend

1. That in promoting the Advance Program, the emphasis for the year 1950-51 be "LENGTHEN AND STRENGTHEN"; stressing what has been accomplished toward the reaching of the four goals of ADVANCE and continuing to aim for increase in ALL LINES OF WORK in the local society.

2. That the general policy of person-to-person contact through visitation be continued with a different stress as follows: (a) A plan for chain visitation be prepared by the District Promotion Secretary whereby every society shall visit some other society or some unorganized church in the course of the year, preferably during early fall.

3. That "District Member" be the term used for the individual member in a church where as yet it has been impossible to organize a society and that the District Promotion Secretary be responsible for her cultivation.

4. That emphasis be given to the enlarged opportunities for Missionary Education in the four types of Group Classes (Co operative, Mixed, Interdenominational and Union). Jurisdiction Recognition may now be granted to representative groups of Woman's Societies participating in those classes.

5. Every society be urged to follow either Jurisdiction Recognition or Efficiency Standard for all study classes.

6. Secretaries of Missionary Education develop definite plans to channel information about the Missionary Education program to the Wesleyan Service Guild Units, assisting them in promoting approved studies in the Guilds.

7. That the president of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service encourage the local Secretary of Children's Work to use regularly the pages in The Methodist Woman written for the secretary of Children's Work.

8. That district secretaries of Children's Work offer training for local secretaries of Children's Work, and when possible, provide workshops in institutes for plannings for missionary units in cooperation with the district director of Children's Work.

9. That we firmly support legislation banning the interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages; we also recommend legislation prohibiting advertising which suggests, directly or indirectly, that alcoholic beverages are beneficial to health or social prestige, or are a part of American home life, and that the sub-committee of the Resource

Committee study further legislation in the realm of alcohol advertising.

10. That the Woman's Division reaffirm our support of Federal Aid to Education which prohibits federal control of Education, required just and proportionate distribution of federal funds to pupils of minority races in states having separate schools, and confines the use of federal funds to publicly administered schools.

11. That the Secretary of Supply Work educate the society to an **urgency** of Supply Work especially today, when the services of our institutions at home and abroad are in greatest demand.

12. All assigned "askings" be met before others of popular interest are assumed.

13. Certificates of award for local societies again be given for some supply work done for both home and foreign institutions and reports mailed on time each quarter.

14. That the Vice-President keep constantly informed concerning the total program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in order to better assist the president in the local society in promoting the interest of the society.

15. That every Methodist Woman be conscious of her relationship in the World Federation of Methodist Women, should be a goal in each local society. Materials in abundance are now available, and more is coming.

16. That, since the time for securing the Certificates of Award for a 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % increase in combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK expires September, 1950, we set a goal for 1950-51 of one **new** combination subscription **each quarter** in the local society and Guild.

17. That in small societies, where it is not possible to fill all the offices, a certain officer be designated to promote the literature and magazines and report quarterly to the District Secretary of Literature and Publications.

18. That a study be made to determine the relation of women employed with the Church as to salary, status and pension, hoping to stimulate some action within the church for raising the status of women employed within the church.

19. That we re-double our efforts to contact College youth (particularly those in senior year) and Guild members who are already prepared, and inform them about the urgent need for workers of every vocation as L. A. 3's, J 3's, and for full time Christian Service.

20. That when the Local Church Committee of Missionary Personnel has a prospective candidate, matured, already trained, experienced and ready to go into full time Christian Service, that the name be sent direct to the New York address: 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., to the Department of Missionary Personnel in care of Miss Katherine Bieri, if interested in Foreign Work, or Miss Alice Murdock, in Home Work.

21. A secretary of Youth Work in every local church who will actively promote Missionary education of youth, working in close cooperation with the Youth Chairman of Missions and World Friendship.

22. That the Youth Secretary take the initiative in setting up the Missionary Personnel Committee in the local church. That this committee have knowledge of and access to "Methodist Service Projects". That arrangements for wise personal counselling with prospective youth be made. That trips to summer agencies, especially Christian Service Seminars, be made available to youth, encouraging and supporting same.

23. That the Secretary of Youth Work be urged to promote the work with Intermediates in the following ways: (a) Volunteer her services or help to secure separate and adequate adult leadership for Intermediates; (b) Promote mission studies for Intermediates, using

the current Missionary Education Movement Materials for Intermediates. See that every Intermediate is challenged to pledge and give to the Methodist Youth Fund.

24. That every society of the Conference elect a Secretary of Student Work by August, 1950. In small societies it is advisable to combine this work with that of the Secretary of Youth Work.

25. Contribute toward the ongoing of the missionary recruitment program by supplying students with material that will interest them in work camps, summer caravans and student conferences.

26. Tell your society and church about students and their interest. Use students on society and church programs.

27. That each local Society and Guild continue to strive to reach and maintain 33½ percent increase in their giving over the amounts pledged in 1948.

28. In order to bring our Conference pledge to the amount necessary to reach the 33½% that each local woman raise her pledge \$2.00 per year, with the local societies and Guilds raising their pledge accordingly. Each woman in the Society may ask one woman in the church, who is not a member of the society, to contribute \$2.00, hoping thereby to stimulate her interest in Missions.

29. That every member of the W. S. C. S. and Guild observe a daily quiet time and some form of family devotions.

30. That each local Spiritual Life Secretary promote the daily use of 1950 Prayer Calendar and intercede daily for listed workers, and promote daily prayers for The Advance; also use of Fellowship of Intercession cards.

31. Since gainfully employed women are in our midst in great numbers, that the subject of membership be made so paramount that the goal of "every one win one" shall become a personal matter in the thinking of every Guild woman everywhere.

32. Because there are hundreds of prepared women within our present number who could and would answer the Church's urgent call for full-time Christian Service in a capable manner, if they were really challenged, that we make "Recruitment Personnel" a MAJOR emphasis, and for this we shall need to be in earnest, continual prayer for the guidance of our Heavenly Father.

33. That over and above giving may be encouraged and that the total membership may be made to feel a personal interest in the missionary projects of the Guild, a definite program for Supplies be worked out for the Guilds, and up to date information on Supply needs, particularly for Guild projects, be furnished regularly.

Mrs. Laskey called special attention to number 12, where "all assigned 'askings' be met before others of popular interest are assumed", and asked that care be taken to direct contributions to the designated places.

Mrs. Laskey also called attention to number 20, in order that young people interested in part-time or full-time service should be informed immediately of where they may go and in what field they could work, and their names sent in to Mrs. C. I. Jones or to the New York office.

Mrs. Jackson asked if an addition could be added to number 28, that is, each woman may solicit from one other woman member of the church, who does not belong to the Woman's Society, \$2.00 to go for missions, thereby possibly gaining her interest in giving to Missions and also helping to increase the pledge the 33½%. This request was approved and the addition made a part of number 28.

IT WAS VOTED that the Conference Chairman of Status of Women be made a member of the Conference Research Committee.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Kennon, reported that a total of \$46,492.46 had been sent in to the Division in the first three quarters to apply on our Pledge of \$70,000. She stated that the amount of the pledge to Missions for 1950-51 will be \$74,655.00 plus a supplementary gift

to Rural Work of \$345.00.

Mrs. Laskey and Mrs. Kennon made explanations about the recommendations on the Program of Advance concerning finances.

Mrs. Laskey called for an invitation for the 1951 Annual Meeting. Invitations were extended by Mrs. Mike John, Jr., of First Church, Monroe, and Mrs. Geo. Thomas of First Church, Lafayette. Mrs. Laskey requested that the decision be left to the Executive Committee as to where the next Annual Meeting would be held. It was approved.

Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter presented the President of the Louisiana Council of Church Women, Mrs. H. D. Haberyan of Shreveport, who is also a member of the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Haberyan spoke on "A Forward Look at Latin American Missions". She is a very dynamic speaker on this great missionary movement. She took a few moments to explain the plan of the Ecumenical Register of 1,000,000 women under the auspices of the United Council of Church Women. (See "Addresses" in back of book)

Mrs. Laskey announced that the total amount of the offering taken at the Sacrificial Meal for South America was \$950.75.

An impressive pledge service was presided over by Mrs. Kennon. Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy introduced seven young women from the Minden Church, who presented a skit, the theme of which was "Let the Light Shine". This Pledge Service was written and directed by Mrs. Pomeroy. The seven women represented deaconesses who had just been consecrated and were preparing to go into the various fields of service under the Woman's Division, and interesting information about our workers and institutions was incorporated in the discussion by the "missionaries".

A World globe surrounded by seven candles was the worship center and each young woman lighted a candle representing the light which she hoped to bring into the part of the world where she would serve.

As each District Treasurer made the pledge for her District, she pinned a card showing the amount pledged to a poster depicting the part of the world where her money would "help to bring the light".

Mrs. Kennon then stated that the total amount pledged by the District to Conference for the year 1950-51 is \$81,290.50.

This beautiful service was climaxed with a solo by Mrs. David Tarver. Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick closed this part of the program with a dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. Geo. Sexton, Jr., of Shreveport directed the meaningful installation service in which new Conference Officers were installed and the other officers rededicated their lives.

Mrs. Sexton stated that God had a plan in these lives which are dedicated to his service and that, like E. Stanley Jones, one should rejoice that she had been called by the Master. "How wonderful it is that you have been chosen! You may not have chosen the work but the work has chosen you. You have been chosen for some definite responsibility because of some definite ability of yours. As Peter Marshall has said, "You have been touched on the shoulder by God". Mrs. Sexton also said that we are privileged to serve in the world today, and that we are called to make the W. S. C. S. of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service a dynamic force in His great Kingdom.

At the close of this installation service, Mrs. Guy Hicks, presented the new Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. A. H. Wilcox, with the brief case that Mrs. Clarence Shaffer had given to her when she took office. The brief case had been a gift from Mrs. Shaffer's son when she became Spiritual Life Secretary.

Mrs. Sartor expressed the wish to pass on to Mrs. J. R. Weaver her brief case which was a gift from her son.

The following telegram from Judge Chris Barnette was read by Mrs. Laskey: "After the conclusion of my remarks before the Con-

ference yesterday, I realized that I had committed an unpardonable oversight. I had intended to give recognition to the invaluable service that our two great Methodist Institutions are rendering the children of Louisiana. The Orphanage at Ruston, under the direction of Rev. C. B. White, and the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans, under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Ailor, have been recognized by the Juvenile Court Commission for the excellent standards and fine social practices which characterize their functions. Indeed the Louisiana Methodist Conference should be proud of these two great Christian institutions. They richly deserve the continued spiritual and material support of every Methodist organization in Louisiana."

(signed) Chris Barnette

The closing worship of the Conference was directed by Mrs. White, the theme of which was "And ye shall go out and find pasture". (Excerpts from this service will be found in back of book.)

It is impossible to know the widespread influence of these Time Apart Services conducted by Mrs. White, as each woman returns to her home and shares with others the inspirations which she has received.

Mrs. David Tarver closed the meeting with the song "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked".

Mrs. Laskey invited everyone to the dining hall for a buffet luncheon before departing for their homes.

The Conference stood adjourned.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President
Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"A METHODIST WOMAN LOOKS AT HERSELF"

We have all been intrigued with the summaries and pictures of America for the past fifty years. 1950 marks the end of a tumultuous half century. We advanced in the first fifty years of the twentieth century from the horse and buggy to the jet and atom. Fifty years ago there were only half as many people in the U. S. as there are today. Few thought of America as a future world power. Scarcely 10,000 autos chugged along our dirt roads. Sound movies, radios and television were wonders of the future, and airplanes were in the dream stage. Suits sold at \$10.00, and sugar was 4c per pound. Men worked sixty hours and more a week; children toiled in sweatshops, and woman's place was in the kitchen — and a dreary kitchen it was, with no labor saving devices. Our mothers were wasp-waisted, and except in four states — did not have the vote. The good old days — who wants them back?

In the world of the Church we were divided, North and South — with the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Foreign Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid. Later in the century in 1910 the Woman's Missionary Society, combining the three divisions, was organized in the Southern Church. Wouldn't you like to know how many chicken pie suppers, cake sales, ice cream suppers, rummage sales were given during these early years to gain money to keep workers, and institutions going? I think we should never fail to pay tribute to those valiant and courageous souls who gave so much of themselves, and laid the ground work for the great organization we have today.

1950 marks the tenth Birthday of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. A turbulent decade — of war, conflict and uncertainty — a decade in which there has been marvelous advancements in the work of our organization despite uncertainties and unrest in the world of economics and politics. A decade in which the various streams united, and now flow out into a broad river, bringing change to be sure, but flowing outward to the seas in a sure, steady manner.

In 1940 appropriations from the three uniting Conferences were: \$3,593,120.

In 1944 less than was expected, was paid in, \$3,491,763, with a combined membership of 1,353,597.

1948 — appropriations had risen to: \$4,661,464.

1949 — Increase in giving was \$5,580,373, with membership near the million and a half mark.

Miss Gibson writes that this money was received in the first year of the Advance with a feeling of overwhelming gratitude. You have all seen statements that the goal of five-twelfths increase was achieved for the interim period. For this fiscal year, the increase on appropriations for the first six months was 9.51%. This has made possible many projects planned for the Advance in both the home and foreign field. There have been increased salaries of workers, improvements and repairs to buildings, new equipment bought, new buildings, cars, busses, water systems, wiring buildings and hundreds of other advances.

1950 marks the end, for me, of four years of office as your President. I cannot begin to tell you how greatly I appreciate the opportunity and privilege of serving as your President. I have met so many of you, visited in every district of the state, and have had the joy of seeing you at work. I want to express my sincere and ardent appreciation for all you are doing, and have done. In addition, I have had the pleasure of seeing our great Methodist Church at work — and all the races and nations that make up our membership. I feel that I can say with Mrs. Sexton — "I am a member of a good many organizations, but I **belong** to the Methodist Church". I am proud to be a member, for it is out ahead. It makes me think of that verse in the Bible, that I'd like to paraphrase — "We are the sons and daughters of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be".

I'd like to ask you — **What can we become?** I wonder! It isn't easy to be living in the world in these days. It's easier in America than anywhere else — yet we are jittery, and afraid, and upset. We may well ask "How can we sing the Lord's song among electrical gadgets, traffic jams, cold wars, and the H-bomb?" You are not surprised that a best seller in non-fiction has the title "No Place To Hide" — and a recent issue of LIFE magazine was devoted almost entirely to Atomic warfare and World War III. Someone is said to have asked Einstein if the Atom bomb is to be the missile for World War III, what would be the weapons for World War IV. He replied with one word — "Rocks".

Sometimes we pause and ask — Has America lost her sense of values? Recently I saw that \$67,000 was given in prizes in a soap contest, with \$25,000 as grand prize for a guess, or filling out a jingle. We seem all too frequently to want to get as much as possible, by doing as little as possible. America's increasing juvenile and adult delinquency, increase in alcoholic consumption by men and women, suggestive motion pictures, the degrading literature, the many automobile accidents caused by drunken drivers cause all serious minded citizens of this country to take stock of present-day conditions. Mounting taxes, running into billions for increasing crime should be of concern to us all. What can we, as individuals — as an organization, do about this — what can we as Methodist women do?

Someone has said, "An awakening of faith comes with need" — you will agree that the great faith-movement is long over-due. The Church needs such an emphasis to undergird its great program — and you and I need it as individuals in that Church to give reality to current living.

It is not only the Church that is aware we need an awakening and undergirding. It comes from the serious side of the secular press. An editorial in the NEW REPUBLIC, February 20, 1950, has this to say — "The security of the United States does not lie in the size of our stockpile of Atomic bombs. It lies in the degree to which the United States can create among the peoples of the world the impression of a country which knows what it wants, which is coping

successfully with the problems of its internal life, and with the responsibilities of a world power, and which has the **spiritual vitality** capable of holding its own among the major ideological currents of the time. To the extent that such an impression can be created and maintained, the aims of Russians Communism must appear sterile, and the hopes and enthusiasm of Moscow's support must wane."

This next quotation sounds as if it came from the pen of a clergyman — but it's by David Lawrence in an editorial in the **UNITED STATES NEWS** of March 17. He says, "The whole world cannot continue to live this way — in an atmosphere of threat and counter threat, in abject fear. Is materialism and selfishness our only doctrine? Do economic power and property afford the only enjoyment? Are we ready at last to understand that spiritual compensations can bring greater happiness? Where shall man learn how to control man? This is not a matter of physical weapons. It is a matter of justice, of fairness, of kindliness, of tolerance, of unselfishness, of sacrifice, of willingness to face evil with the strength that faith in God alone can give".

We are all aware that this is a time of crisis. Mrs. Barr said in a recent letter, "I realize we have always been prone to think the cause of Christ needs to be advanced **N O W**, more than in any period of the world's history, whether it was back in 1918, or 1941, or some other date. However, I am convinced that as we wage the battle for peace during the second half of the century, no more urgent period will **W e** ever face — and it will require our best praying, thinking and giving".

We were not given the privilege of deciding into which period of the world's history we would liked to have been born — but since it is the **N O W**, we do have the opportunity to do something about conditions since we are here. Do you recall when Mrs. Landrum was here last year she challenged us all, and said, "What we need is a tonic of the tremendous". We can be made great by a great cause. The Church today is embarked upon a great cause, and we can be a part of a great movement.

Its about this that I want to talk to you. You can look in your folders and find all the statistics you need. I want us, as Methodist women to look at ourselves, and ask ourselves some very pertinent, heart-searching questions. They may not be too pleasant, for a period of self examination is not ever very comfortable. It's so much easier to say, "It wasn't my fault", or to be complacent. I am tremendously impressed with the capacities and abilities of women. We are faced with peculiar responsibilities and opportunities right at this moment. The spheres of our influence can become what we want them to be. Woman, because she is woman, has some powers that are her very own, and can be used only by her. We are a powerful group and there is little that we couldn't do, if we wanted to do it.

The restraints of economic and social compulsion are fading farther and farther away, our power becomes more evident for good or evil.

There is a recent pictorial digest entitled "Women are here to stay", giving a delightfully amusing account of women for the last half century. I laughed over the styles, hair-dos, homes, and entertainment. But I was particularly interested and impressed in the many fields of activity into which women have entered. At the turn of the century it was considered quite unlady-like for women to be active in politics and to speak before public gatherings. How deeply indebted we are to these women who have made the way easy for us today. Today we have countless employed women, and we treasure these Methodist women who hold places in the business world. Some occupy posts of great importance in many fields and professions, and hundreds have found the Wesleyan Service Guild a place where they can render service. I am increasingly aware of the importance of

the Guild. There should be no rivalry between the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service as there is in some places, by one group trying to drain the younger women from the other. We are sisters, dependent upon each other. The Guild affords a means for employed women to cooperate effectively in the life and work of the Church; it offers a fellowship whereby employed women may strengthen, guide and inspire each other on the basis of their common experiences and objectives; the Guild provides the channel through which the skills and techniques, acquired by the life and work of the Church; it offers a fellowship whereby employed women may strengthen, guide and inspire each other on the basis of their common experiences and objectives; the Guild provides the channel through which the skills and techniques, acquired by the group, may flow into the life and work of the Church; lastly, you business women may make, and can make, a tremendous difference in the world of business that is so thoroughly saturated with secularism. You have opportunities that no other women have, to take Christian faith into the business world. You can open doors whereby Christian influences and power can help combat this saturation of secularism. I have been thrilled by the growth of the Guild in Louisiana.

There is another field that belongs to women, and that is the home. During the 50 years of this century the home has changed a lot. I am indebted to my good friend, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, President of the Little Rock Conference, for the following information. She says, "Today's family is small. The present day family consists of 3.6% children and they are distinct liabilities, costing about \$18,000 each to rear and educate. Old people live in institutions, and the economic, educational and social functions of the family have been very largely taken over by the community, leaving the family a world of leisure time, and almost complete release from tedious labor. The family has given up a lot from the days of old, and it has not been replaced by lasting values. The old stabilizing bases are gone, and we are floundering, and we haven't settled into a stable pattern. What are we Methodist women doing about Christianizing family life? Are we rearing our children in a great faith, with a consecrated Christian background, with stable, emotionally mature people as parents? This whole confused family pattern could be changed for the better in a few years. Family loyalty, faithfulness, reverence and devotion, lived and expressed in family relationships, companionship within the home, in which children find emotional security, would develop mature men and women able to cope with the problems of our day. What are we doing about it? We could do it. We have the time, the education, the skills, but do we have the will? Are we willing to give what it takes to accomplish these ends?"

Why do we give so much lip service? Give assent to our ideals, then do so little to bring these beliefs and ideals into actuality? Dr. Harry J. Overstreet in "The Mature Mind" says the trouble with us is we have so many divided loyalties — we believe with one part of our minds, then act in an entirely different way. This gives us divided personalities, and makes us impotent. To illustrate — you say, "Oh, yes, I believe in Christianity". Do you? How much do you believe in it? Do you think our faith is something nice to believe in, but not very practical? A kind of voiceless Christianity affects us, and we tend to look with disfavor upon anyone with outspoken religious convictions. It is not a flaming enterprise, we will put forth just a modest effort, and give time to the Woman's Society and the Church if we have nothing else to do. We have had the greatest difficulty in securing officers for the Conference and the Districts — and you nominating committees have "pulled out your hair" in se-

curing local officers. To what are you giving your first loyalty? What is the center — the force that directs you? I am so busy you say — doing what? What is the center?

We so easily compromise and worship a half-Christ. "Gentle Jesus, Meek and Mild". Herod knew Christ was dangerous — he was no fool. Most of us think to follow Christ is a comfortable affair — slippers and an easy chair, "A cottage small by a waterfall". May we look at ourself and ask, "Is Christianity less effective because of my attitude?" Is the Woman's Society a poor thing, because of my actions, because I won't accept responsibility? How much have I done towards promoting all phases of the work of my society?

There are thousands of us, yet how many are willing to serve? Those of you who were here last year will undoubtedly remember a devotional Mrs. Alexander gave in her "Time Apart" service. It was from Marguerite Harmon Bros.'s book, "More Than We Are". It made a profound impression on me. I bought the book, have read and studied it this past year. She told, you will recall, how the early Spanish explorers were overwhelmed by requests from the Indians to heal their sick. The half-stained explorers were doubtful of their powers, but they knelt and in an agony of prayer begged God to give them power to heal the ailing Indians. They reported to their surprise that as they laid their hands on the sick in some strange manner they were apparently helped. The men said this, "We were more than we thought we were, a sensation utterly new to us".

Isn't that what we need to be, "More than we Are?" We need a new concept of local responsibility. Its easy to send money to Africa, but what about the total program in your society? What have I done about the study programs — the Ecumenical Church, etc? What about Christian Social Relations? Have I registered and voted, and studied the issues? What have I learned about labor relations, juvenile problems? Have I tried to overcome racial and religious intolerance, and developed a Christian attitude on these issues? Am I helping with youth and children in my Church? Have I shared my home with foreign students so they can see the real America and correct false impressions gained by distorted views of American life? What am I doing about the very vital question of interesting young people in full-time service for the Church? What about the young person in my own home — would I be willing to see him or her to go?

What am I doing as a Methodist woman about alcohol culture in America? In Louisiana we could help change this whole situation if we cared enough, if we were strong enough to say **NO** firmly, and were not a part of the problem ourselves, if we wanted to be "More than We Are".

I have been vitally concerned with membership during these past four years. We are not healthy unless we grow. There are two ways to gain and grow. First, by organizing new W. S. C. S. on circuits and charges by securing District members and by revitalizing old Societies; second, to interest women who are not now members. The field is still fertile in most places, and we are making some gains. I made a study of membership for this address, over a ten year period and it is a most interesting one, and not too encouraging. I'm going to give it to you for both the Guild and the Woman's Society and I'd like for you to think it over.

W. S. C. S.

1940 — 12,949
1941 — 10,360
1942 — 9,164
1944 — 8,719
1945 — 8,589

1946 — 9,304
1947 — 9,707
1948 — 10,100
1949-50 — 10,944

GUILD

	Members	Units	Pledge
1940	414	33	\$ 335.16
1941	642	37	
1944	789	40	1,340.00
1946	1173	59	4,538.00
1948	1443	66	5,505.00
1949-50	1637	72	Over 6,000.00

Total membership of W. S. C. S. and W. S. G. is 12,581

The Guild has shown a steady upward growth in members, units and giving. For the W. S. C. S. at the end of the interim period when the rolls were cleared a net loss for the first quarter of the year was 643.

Despite the decrease in membership in the Woman's Society there has been a steady upward climb in giving, along all lines. This is most interesting and encouraging, and I want to express my appreciation for your faith in our work by steadily increasing your gifts. It has meant hard work, faith, prayer and a deepening commitment to our purpose. It shows that continued education and promotion yield results, and you have caught the desire to share and have an enthusiasm for the task.

I gave you the figures on membership for the ten year period. Now let's look at our giving.

In 1940 our pledge was \$20,000.00

In 1941 our pledge was \$30,000.00

In 1944 our pledge was \$33,300.00

In 1946 our pledge was \$47,500.00

In 1948 our pledge was \$50,000.00

In 1949 our pledge was \$32,000.00 (Interim period five months).

In 1949-50 our pledge was \$70,000.00

This does not mean that we met the 33½% increase asked of us. This increase was based on what we gave on appropriations. From all sources in 1947, we paid \$68,011.60. 33½% increase would be \$90,682.13. This year we are asked to increase our pledge 15%. This would be \$104,284.45. We were hoping to attain this by gaining new members and new societies, but as you see, we have failed along that line.

There is no recommendation from headquarters, but Mrs. Kennon, our treasurer, and I, figured that if you would hold your giving where it is this year, and increase your pledge by a minimum of \$2.00 for each member of the W. S. C. S. and Guild for 1950-51, we would have our 33½% increase, or \$90,000.00. Won't you do that for the Kingdom of God this next year? Just two additional dollars?

I know you will be interested in the advance and progress made in Louisiana. We have added another rural worker, Marzette Stevens, who is located in the Alexandria District, and bought her a new car, (and incidentally \$673.00 is still due on it). We have two Louisiana girls in training who will soon be ready to go out as workers, Naomi Wyndham is in Scarritt, and Lucille Hurley is at Hartford Language School, and will go to the Phillipines later this year.

During the past year you have been hearing many reports concerning MacDonnel School, and I feel that you are interested in the changes that have taken place. The name has been changed to MacDonnel Methodist Center, and it is now a boarding home for worthy boys and girls who attend the splendid public schools in Houma. While boarding at the Center they have a Christian home, and are brought up in a Christian environment and are being trained for Christian leadership. This year the enrollment has been down due to a number of reasons, but one reason is because of a complete renovation of Wesley House, the boy's dormitory and school building.

More applications for residency have been made than can be accepted, and next year it is expected that the center will be filled to capacity. Scholarships are still needed. Supplies are needed, and because the policy has undergone a change it does not mean that the work is to be discontinued. In addition to the children who live at the center, several new types of work has been added. We now have a school for Indian children for the first two grades and plan to add another next year. A new rural deaconess has been added to the staff, Miss Mary Beth Littlejohn, and she is supported by the Guild. In addition, MacDonnell Center is to be used as a training center for leadership schools, vacation church schools, institutes, and various meetings of this kind. Just because a type of work has changed, it does not mean it has been discontinued. This work is under the able supervision of Mrs. Ada Dail, and needs your continued support and cooperation.

You would be delighted with the progress made at Dulac. We gave about \$1200 to the project from the Building Fund we had been holding in trust until the building was started. Miss Ella Hooper is treasurer of the project and reports that the investment now is worth about \$13,000. This has been a cooperative project sponsored by the Woman's Society and the Methodist Church, with funds contributed from money raised during the Crusade for Christ. The building is about completed and we hope to have the equipment and a staff to begin work on this long awaited project soon.

This is a very brief survey of some of the things we are doing. Do you not agree that these are tremendously important days in which we are living—days in which we should do great things? Days in which we could influence the future? Days in which we should strive to be "More Than We Are?"

It is so terribly important what we do now in America. Another ideology is depending upon the break-down of America by ill-will, prejudice and hatred. They hope we will not increase our giving to missions and become zealous, enthusiastic Christians. They hope we will remain apathetic, indifferent, complacent and completely secularized. They hope we will be so disinterested and so comfortable in our pews that the hungry, ill fed, cold, poorly housed, illiterate people of the world will continue in their misery and ignorance and turn to Communism instead of Christianity.

What can I do, you ask? First, we can project our Christian ideas and values into the social system. We can put our Christianity into practice, and not give it lip service. We can change attitudes and prejudices. We can support and talk up the United Nations that is doing so much to promote peace, and to bring democratic values into being and help distressed, diseased, hungry people have fuller living.

Then we can begin with ourselves. We can deepen our underlying Christian faith so that nothing can shake it. We can try to live as Christians in the world today. The whole world is waiting, looking for something; not bigger bombs, planes or weapons, better gadgets or more educated people. It is waiting for consecrated men and women—women just like you and me—people with a deepened faith. Bishop William C. Martin said it this way, "Christians should be different, they should be little islands of poise and serenity in this world of grief, fear, envy and frustration. Every Christian ought to be a personal point of stability and confidence, and bring light to this stricken world".

As a Methodist woman looks at herself—that's what she wants to be, and desires in her inmost heart. A person fully committed to a great and thrilling job, and a bearer of light to this needy world.

A small boy was asked by an older friend if he knew what saints were. "Sure", he said, as if remembering a roomful of stained glass windows with rainbow shadows along the aisle,
"Sure, saints are people the light shines through."

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES OF PROMOTION

Alexandria District

The Alexandria District has shown remarkable increase in percentages in all branches of our work this year. We have three newly organized societies—Melder Fellowship, Wesley Chapel at Ransville, and Krotz Springs. Two new Wesleyan Service Guilds—Trinity at Alexandria and Montgomery. Our total membership reported as of this date is 1,280 members.

Our Spiritual Life department shows an increase in activity and interest;—twenty-seven churches reported observing Week of Prayer. Our total offering for Week of Prayer observance was \$576.04.

Our finances show a decided increase in giving. Total amount raised for all purposes for the year was \$9,681.07, against \$7,511.47 last year.

Mrs. M. H. Foster, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, reports 41 Study Classes have been held with an enrollment of 639 members. Our Supply work under the capable leadership of Mrs. Wiley Jones also shows increase in interest and value of giving.

All in all, our Alexandria District is still ADVANCING—and I feel confident will continue to grow during the year ahead. Mrs. John Galloway, my successor, will make us a most capable leader in promoting the work. She is eager to help, so suggest any society needing information or help please write Mrs. John R. Galloway, 22 Purser Street, Pineville.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Alexandria District as Promotion Secretary the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanee White, Promotion Secretary.

Baton Rouge District

Baton Rouge District is rejoicing over the organization of three new societies, James Chapel, Livingston and Walker.

Our Baton Rouge District societies making 15% increase in membership are as follows:

Interim Period—Angie, Ethel, Greensburg, Ingleside, Istrouma, Live Oak, Loranger, Meadows Chapel, Tangipahoa.

Wesleyan Service Guild—Bogalusa, Hammond, Istrouma, University Church (100%).

First Quarter—W.S.C.S.—Loranger

W.S.G.—Hammond

Second Quarter—W.S.C.S.—Bethel, Ponchatoula (14%).

W.S.G.—Hammond, University Church

Third Quarter—Plaquemine.

Baton Rouge District has the largest number of Spiritual Life secretaries in the conference—41.

The total amount of the financial report of the Baton Rouge District is \$14,472.34.

Baton Rouge District has 40 Christian Social Relations secretaries. Our societies are concentrating on building, remodeling, or refurbishing their parsonages or church kitchens. Deerford did the most outstanding piece of work. A society of twenty women raised \$7,500.00 to build a parsonage and then furnished it.

Information is convincing; so it thrills the W.S.C.S. members to know that in the Baton Rouge District alone 4140 women were reported in our Mission Study Classes of the past year.

Baton Rouge District led with 595 subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and 437 subscriptions to the World Outlook.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. N. B. Riddle, Promotion Secretary

Lake Charles District

Keeping our four goals before us, we have advanced in MEMBERSHIP by adding 336 new members in the first three quarters, 17 societies making the 15% gain, with Raymond still being our only 100% society.

PRAYER in 30 prayer groups, in Fellowships of Intercession, and in daily devotions has been directed by 36 Spiritual Life Secretaries. STUDY interested 1473 women in 61 classes. SERVING and BUILDING has resulted in many loving tasks, but most outstanding was the gift of \$3936.16 for furnishing the Student Center at S.L.I. in Lafayette, which was an impetus for an increased interest in all Student Work.

For RECRUITMENT we are indebted to Miss Pearle Maye Kelley for two young women who are going into the field of missions.

Realizing that the first three goals must be undergirded by our GIVING, we overpaid our Mission Pledge by one-third, and will try to meet a 33½% increase for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Promotion Secretary.

Monroe District

The Monroe District has organized three new Societies, making the total now 41, with an enrollment of 1571, including 166 new members. There have been a number of circles organized to meet the needs of special groups.

We have advanced financially too. Reports show that we have paid our pledge in full with the one third increase in pledging.

The Zone meetings have been days of inspiration, information and fellowship. The Goal Chart has been stressed with each local president putting in the stars that her society has earned. We are planning a school of instruction at the next Zone meetings, hoping in this way to reach a great number of officers at one time.

The Educational Seminar in Tallulah was one of the best we have ever had. Attendance was good and the Conference officers brought us the highlights of the studies for the year.

The Women of Monroe District are looking forward to doing much to Advance His Kingdom through our prayers, work, and faith in God.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. A. Cotton, Promotion Secretary.

New Orleans District

New Orleans District is proud to report we now have 36 organized societies with a total membership of 1529 which includes 150 members of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Through the splendid cooperation of the pastors, five new societies were organized and 191 members added to our roll, during the past year. The total amount sent to the District treasurer was \$12,684.20. Of this amount \$714.09 paid for Special Memberships and \$890.01 was sent in as Week of Prayer offerings.

A splendid educational seminar was held and all four study courses conducted by conference officers. This has resulted in an increased number of studies for jurisdictional and efficiency recognition.

Eighteen societies were represented at a District Officer's Training School where 11 District officers, 3 conference officers and one Jurisdiction officer conducted classes for instruction, discussion, inspiration and encouragement for each of the offices in the local society.

We are still feeling a keen sense of loss in Mrs. L. S. Broussard's moving to Texas. Her efficient, devoted service endeared her to officers and members alike throughout the entire district. We regret to report that another District officer, Mrs. R. P. Castleberry, our

recording secretary, is moving to Atlanta, Ga. The conference took another of our valued officers when Miss Mary Gladys Page, our treasurer, was elected Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds but the office is being very capably filled by Mrs. A. F. Hanson, former president of the New Orleans District.

Mrs. H. L. Johns, our Vice President, and members of the program committee prepared a very fine program for our Annual District Meeting. 167 were in attendance and indications are that all were greatly benefited by the program. We are looking forward to a good year as God continues to bless us as we endeavor to do His work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. George O. Willis

RUSTON DISTRICT

In this year of Advance for Christ and His Church, Ruston District continues to advance on all fronts. The third quarter we had 100 per cent of all chapters reporting.

Three new societies have been organized — Pleasant Valley, Shongaloo, and Sibley. One society has disbanded, leaving a net gain of two societies. There are 1697 members in the district, including the guild, which is a net gain over last year of 158 or a little over 10 per cent. A few societies reached the goal of 15 per cent or more membership increase. The Bienville society reports that every Methodist woman who lives in Bienville belongs to the WSCS. Three church member women live out of town and this keeps them from the 100% rating.

Finances are in good shape, and it looks as if we are not far from reaching the goal of 33⅓% increase in giving.

Twenty-five societies observed the Week of Prayer last fall, and 10 had special prayer services or retreats. The World Day of Prayer was observed by 20 larger societies. There are 36 Spiritual Life Secretaries in local societies.

A total of \$1367.91 was sent for supplies through the third quarter; boxes valued at \$304.64 were sent.

Christian Social Relations work seems to be most active and healthy in Ruston District and the work carried on with a wonderful attitude.

The Missionary Education work is advancing, with 94 approved studies in the first three quarters. Membership is no larger but this is indicative of smaller and real study groups instead of program-type study. The Homer society will have completed 11 J. R. and 6 other approved studies, making a total of 17 so far this year.

The women of the Ruston District will continue to strive toward the goal of an ever-advancing Church through the Woman's Society of Christian Service and its program.

Mrs. J. B. Williams

Shreveport District

As the second year of the quadrennium of Advance comes to a close, the Shreveport District shows signs of advancing, but slowly, under goal 1, we have two new societies: Trinity and North Highlands, both new churches in Shreveport. This makes 42 in the District. There are four new Wesleyan Service Guilds: Broadmoor, Summer Grove, and new units at First Church, Shreveport, and Mangum Memorial. The 15% increase in membership asked for was reached by 14 societies; eight others show a gain, but less than that per cent; 7 remain the same, and 11 show a loss. The net increase for the District is 309, with a total membership of 2364. Including the WSG, the District gained 14%.

Much interest is being manifested in the Spiritual Life area.

There are now 36 Prayer groups in 15 societies, with 372 women in the Fellowship of Intercession. Week of Prayer was observed by 39 societies and 7 Guilds, with an offering of \$1,241.59. The World Day of Prayer was participated in by 19 societies.

The Department of Christian Social Relations reports \$12,259.70 spent on community projects.

There have been 14 J. R. classes; 31 Efficiency classes; and 97 other classes, with an attendance of 2,442, in Missionary Education. Thirty societies have had 3 or more studies.

Money sent for Supplies for Home projects amounted to \$1,993.21; for Foreign projects amounting to \$95.67, totaling \$2,898.88.

There are 572 subscriptions to the Methodist woman, and 516 to the World Outlook. Five societies report every officer a subscriber to the Methodist Woman and only one that every officer a subscriber to the World Outlook.

There are still a large number of churches with no WSCS. It is the purpose of the District officers to organize these as rapidly as possible. Our greatest need is the cooperation of the pastors of our unorganized churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart,
Promotion Secretary

REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild

Perhaps the greatest event of the year for the Vice-President on all levels was the workshop on program building. The Vice Presidents' Clinics were of significant help too. These workshops and clinics were first held in the Jurisdiction schools in which conference Vice Presidents shared. They were afterwards duplicated in Conference Schools with District and Local Vice Presidents participating. The privilege of attending our Jurisdiction school at Mt. Sequoyah, which was to have been mine, had to be foregone. Mrs. F. A. Babb, Vice President of Monroe District, went in my place. From her notes we had mimeographed copies made of helps in program building and material on World Federation to be used at our School of Missions. Illness prevented Mrs. Babb from attending the school, so she sent the material which she had ready for use. Mrs. W. E. Trice, one who always seems capable and willing to go the second mile, held the Vice Presidents' Clinics. She reports about sixteen Vice Presidents taking part.

Already there are many evidences of the great value of these clinics and workshops. We have reason to believe that further reports will still continue to reveal more clearly the impetus they have given to the advance through wider use of program materials and more effective missionary education in local groups.

More reports have been received this year than ever before. A larger percent of the Societies report using the program and worship booklets. Many inquiries for more information on World Federation have been received. Quite a number of detailed reports of World Federation programs have been gratifying.

A widened scope of the program committee has brought new challenge and added responsibility to the Vice President. May we leave these words from our Division Vice President with you: "There is no doubt but that as we go farther along with the advance, the Vice President's responsibility is of great significance. Good programs effectively presented, with resulting action, are basic to advance."

Recommendations For 1950 For Vice-President

1. Keep constantly informed concerning the total program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in order to better assist

the president in the local society in promoting the interests of the society.

2. As chairman of the Program committee, remember that your committee has been designated because each member has a specific contribution to make to program planning. Programs planned by a committee are always better than programs planned by an individual. The vice-president **must work** with the committee.
3. Every Methodist Woman conscious of her relationship in the World Federation of Methodist Women, should be a goal in each local society. Materials in abundance are now available, and more is coming. The World Federation Theme easily adapted to use on special occasions such as: Tenth Anniversary celebrations; Mother-Daughter Banquets; Membership Teas and New Member receptions.
4. That the following continue to be the goal for Special Memberships this year:
A special membership from each Society.
PEACE BE WITH YOU!

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
FOR THE YEAR, JUNE 1, 1949-MAY 31, 1950**

	Balance 6-10-49	Additions	Deductions	Balance 5-31-50
Minden Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 5,130.27	\$103,091.69	\$104,947.29	\$ 3,274.67
Due from Division on Car				1,952.24
			Total	\$ 5,226.91
DESIGNATED FUNDS:				
Dulac Building Fund	915.44	292.61	1,208.05	
Peoples Community Center Bldg. Fund		57.00	57.00	
Business Girls' Inn Building Fund		48.00	48.00	
Scarritt Student Exp.	40.00			40.00
Honorary Mbrs.	395.20		395.20	
Sacrificial Meal		1,000.30		1 000.30
Rural Works Car		1,624.52	1,952.24	327.73*
Res. for Cult	3,779.63	5,795.50	5,270.54	
Conference Collection		182.42		
Sale of Seminar Material		27.32		4,514.33
Totals	\$ 5,130.27	\$ 9,027.67	\$ 8,931.03	\$ 5,226.91

*Denotes red figures

RECEIPTS:

	Total Pledge	Paid On Pledge	Paid On Appro.
Alexandria			
District	\$ 7,721.50	\$ 7,860.41	\$ 8,028.98
Baton Rouge	9,364.00	12,008.95	12,574.39
Lake Charles	9,286.00	12,086.26	12,882.93
Monroe	9,970.00	12,129.33	12,534.07
New Orleans	10,750.00	14,005.53	10 514.66
Ruston	10,520.00	10,998.54	11,439.30
Shreveport	17,960.00	16,112.52	17,653.30
			85,627.63

Received on Building Funds	397.61
Received on Rural Worker's Car	1,624.52
Week of Prayer	6,594.96
Supplies	7,227.60

Total Receipts from Districts	\$101,472.32
Less Cultivation Fund	5,771.50

Reserve for Cultivation	\$95,700.82	
Transient Funds	5,771.50	
Sacrificial Offering	50.00	
Conference Cultivation Refunds	1,000.30	
	233.74	102,756.36

Cash in Bank June 10, 1949	5,130.27
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Total Cash to be accounted for	\$107,886.63
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DISBURSEMENTS:

WDCS

Pledge WSCS	56,108.34
Special Mbrs.	9,015.00

Total WSCS	65,123.34
Pledge - WSG	7,546.04
S. mbrs.	1,135.00
	8,681.04

Total to WDCS on Pledge	73,804.38
Methodist Youth Fund	2,825.29
Children	276.66

Total on Appropriations	76,906.33
Supplies	9,179.84
Week of Prayer	6,594.96
Supplementary Gifts	3,345.00

Total to Division	96,026.13
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Conference		
Cultivation	Budgeted	Disbursed
Officers Expense	800.00	744.38
Annual Conference	750.00	1,058.61*
Executive		
Committee	250.00	149.88
Jurisdiction		
& Assembly	200.00	508.07
School of		
Missions	260.00	243.09
Mt. Sequoyah	400.00	314.14
C. S. R. & L. C. A.	300.00	300.00
C. S. R. & L. C. A.		
Workshop	60.00	16.99
Conference		
Minutes	550.00	581.71**
Stationery	100.00	
Auto Insurance	125.00	109.50
Auto Expense	200.00	16.01
Conf. Youth		
Director	600.00	150.00
Bank Charges	7.50	5.50
WSG Cultivation	360.00	309.15

Cooperative Meetings	275.00	32.65	
Miscellaneous Division	158.10	212.46	
Cultivation	28.86	28.86	
Jurisdiction Cultivation	346.29	489.54***	
	5,771.50	5,270.54	5,270.54
Building Funds			1,313.05
Transient Funds			50.00

\$102,659.72

Cash in Bank 3,274.67
Due from Division 1952.24 5,226.91

Total Cash Accounted For

\$107,886.63

*denotes credit to this account of \$182.42

**this amount includes funds from sale of minutes

***includes cultivation for interim period

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Conference Treasurer

District Per Capita Giving On Pledges

	WSCS	WSG	Total Giving WSCS & WSG
Alexandria	6.34	5.37	7.32
Baton Rouge	6.51	6.90	8.06
Lake Charles	5.61	6.61	7.10
Monroe	7.14	5.49	8.46
New Orleans	6.73	6.21	7.97
Ruston	6.53	6.06	8.71
Shreveport	7.70	3.85	8.47
Conference Average	6.68	5.73	7.93

Recommendations of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee recommends:

1. That the Districts' pledge to Conference for the year May 31, 1950 to June 1, 1951, be \$81,290.50, to be divided as follows:

Alexandria District	\$ 8,212.50
Baton Rouge District	11,928.00
Lake Charles District	13,625.00
Monroe District	11,405.00
New Orleans District	9,880.00
Ruston District	10,965.00
Shreveport District	15,275.00

\$81,290.50

2. That the pledge to Missions to the Woman's Division be \$74,655.00, plus a supplementary gift of \$345.00 for Rural Work.

3. That the increase in pledge go toward the payment of salaries to Marzette Stephens and Lucille Hurley.

4. That the budget for Cultivation for 1950-51 be as follows:

Officers' Expense	\$ 850.00
Annual Conference	800.00
Conference Executive Meeting	200.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	250.00
Conference School of Missions	300.00
Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions	400.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Work Shop	60.00
Conference Minutes	550.00
Bank Charges	6.00
Stationery	100.00

Insurance — Automobile	225.00
Automobile Expense	200.00
Youth Director	600.00
Co-operative Meetings	225.00
Youth Assembly	75.00
Meetings for Workers	50 00
WSG Cultivation	409.25
Division Cultivation	31.45
Jurisdiction Cultivation	377.43
Miscellaneous	281.37

Total **\$6,290.50**

5. Since our Louisiana Conference has not yet reached the $\frac{1}{3}$ rd increase in giving on appropriations, that each local society and Guild strive to attain this goal.

6. That, in order to attain this goal, each member of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild increase her giving by \$2.00 a year.

7. That the mileage rate for officers' travel be increased to 4c per mile.

8. That the expenses of a workshop for District Promotion Secretaries be paid from Conference Cultivation.

9. That we channel the \$395.20 balance in the Honorary Membership Fund to the Division to apply on pledge.

10. That each District be requested to allow \$150.00 for expenses of the District Delegate to Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Sec.

As we approach the halfway mark in our Program of Advance, I wish it were possible for me to tell you that we have achieved one-half of our goals. We are, however, grateful for the progress we have made. Do not grow weary of hearing the word Advance, but remember that as Dr. T. Otto Nall has said, "The Advance calls us from where we are to where we ought to be."

You have not had a report since the end of 1948. Today, we can report gains in every line of activity since that time. We now have 277 Societies with a membership of 10,944. There are 72 Wesleyan Service Guilds with a membership of 1,637, making a total membership of 12,581 — a net gain of 589 for the Woman's Society, and 101 for the Guild, a total gain of 690. During the year we organized nineteen new societies, but we lost four, making a net gain of fifteen over the interim report. There were five new Guilds with a net gain of four.

We now report the following number of secretaries: Spiritual Life, 234; Missionary Education, 227; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activity, 224; Student Work, 158; Youth Work, 153; Children's Work, 179; Literature and Publications, 212; Supply Work, 207; and Status of Women, 138.

We have thirty-four societies where every officer is a subscriber to "Methodist Woman," and eleven where all take "World Outlook." Total number of subscriptions to "Methodist Woman", 3,508, and to the "World Outlook", 2,326.

For the first three quarters, there were 9,930 persons enrolled in study classes 5,828, of which were approved studies.

The most outstanding piece of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activity work was done at Deerford, Baton Rouge District, where a twenty-woman society raised \$7,500, built a par-

sonage, and then furnished it. The Lake Charles District contributed \$3,911.16 to furnish the Student Center at Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

For the week of prayer we have contributed \$6,524.86.

On our pledge of \$70,000 to the division, we have paid \$37,360.35, and the Guild has sent in \$4,847.12. Per capita giving on pledge to the division for the W. S. C. S. was \$3.41, and for the Guild, \$2.96. For supplies the Society and Guild together have contributed \$5,080.56. The itineration of Mrs. W. B. Landrum through the Conference last spring was a high light of the year, and we were happy to share her with the Central Jurisdiction for two meetings.

In the closing quarter of this year, let us make every effort to really Advance.

"Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,

We have hard work to do and loads to lift;

Shun not the struggle; face it — 'tis God's gift."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. M. Campbell

Recommendations Department of Promotion Louisiana Annual Meeting — 1950

We Recommend:

1. That in promoting the Advance Program, the emphasis for the year 1950-51 be "LENGTHEN AND STRENGTHEN"; stressing what has been accomplished toward the reaching of the four goals of ADANCE and continuing to aim for increases in ALL LINES OF WORK in the local society.

2. That in striving to make "every Methodist woman a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service," we continue to stress the slogan "EACH ONE WIN one."

3. That the general policy of person-to-person contact through visitation be continued with a different stress as follows:

a. A plan for chain visitation be prepared by the District Promotion Secretary whereby every society shall visit some other society or some unorganized church in the course of the year, preferably during early fall.

b. That this plan be furthered by recognition of 1950 as the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, with appropriate birthday features of promotional intent.

Because the Promotion Secretary has a special responsibility for membership,

WE RECOMMEND:

4. That in the local society she shall be a member of the membership committee, possibly its chairman, and shall stimulate the widest activity on the part of this committee.

5. That "District Member" be the term used for the individual member in a church where as yet it has been impossible to organize a society and that the District Promotion Secretary be responsible for her cultivation.

6. That a membership record book be used in the local society.

7. A studied plan of rotation in office on both Conference and District levels so that new women may be steadily brought into the official group.

8. That attention be called to the new program booklet prepared particularly for newly organized societies but which should prove of value also to established societies; and that attention be called to the plan for circle programs now being promoted through **The Methodist Woman**.

PROMOTION DEPARTMENT — STATISTICAL REPORT Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Promotion Secretary

Districts	Number of Societies	Total Membership W. S. C. S.	Number of Guilds	Total Membership W. S. G.	Per Capita Giving on Pledge by W. S. C. S.	Per Capita Giving on Pledge by W. S. G.	Per capita giving to Division by W. S. C. S.	Per capita giving to Division by W. S. G.
Alexandria	33	1067	10	204	\$3.87	\$2.70		
Baton Rouge	47	1638	10	208	4.18½	4.40		
Lake Charles	37	1799	14	310	4.11	5.19½		
Monroe	41	1473	10	292	4.95	3.95		
New Orleans	38	1379	6	150	4.50	4.00		
Ruston	39	1497	8	203	4.18	3.30		
Shreveport	42	2091	14	273	5.03	2.53		
TOTAL	277	10944	72	1637			\$3.41	\$2.96

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

	Total on Pledge W. S. G.	Total on Pledge W. S. C. S.	Paid on Appropriations W. S. C. S. & W. S. G.	Week of Prayer W. S. C. S. & W. S. G.
Alexandria	551.52	4,139.45	4,286.70	622.55
Baton Rouge	915.30	7,444.79	7,316.38	1,011.53
Lake Charles	1,610.51	7,397.19	7,915.17	811.66
Monroe	1,152.41	7,288.49	7,505.99	1,027.73
New Orleans	600.45	6,216.25	6,448.83	885.01
Ruston	660.25	6,255.51	6,529.18	1,021.44
Shreveport	691.68	10,535.17	10,949.29	1,144.94
TOTAL	6,182.12	49,276.85	51,051.54	6,524.86

FOREIGN PROJECTS — 1949-50

Missionaries

Conference Projects

India, Lucknow, Isabella Thoburn College	
Miss Alexa McCain	\$1500.00
Mexico, Monterrey, Student Hostel	
Miss Clara Chalmers	\$1500.00
Africa, Rhodesia, Nyadiri, Nurses' Training School	
Miss Elma Ashby, RN	\$1500.00
(Unappointed) Miss Lucille Hurley (still in training, but money appropriated)	\$1500.00

China

Soochow	
General Hospital, Pineville WSCS	\$ 50.00
Davidson School, Scholarship, First Church, Monroe	\$115.00
Huchow	
Bible Woman, Rayne Memorial, New Orleans	\$120.00
Shanghai	
McTyeire School, Scholarship, Downsville, WSCS	\$ 50.00
Futsing	
Primary Day School Scholarship, Arcadia WSCS	\$ 50.00

Korea

Songdo	
Holston Institute, Scholarship, First Church, Monroe, WSCS	\$115.00
Bible Woman, Noel Memorial WSCS, Shreveport	\$120.00
Inchon	
Social Evangelistic Center, Carrollton Ave., WSCS	\$ 25.00

India

Madras	
Vellore Christian Medical College, Hammond WSCS	\$100.00
Vellore Christian Medical College, Carrollton Ave., New Orleans WSCS	\$100.00
Badaun	
Siglers Girls' School, Jennings WSCS, Scholarship	\$ 15.00
Bidar	
Co-educational School Scholarship, West Monroe WSCS	\$ 40.00
Muttra	
Blackstone Missionary Institute and Girls' School, Scholarship, West Monroe WSCS	\$ 80.00
Godhra	
Normal Practicing School Scholarship, Homer WSCS	\$ 40.00

Cuba

Matanza	
Colegio Irene Toland Scholarship, Winnfield WSCS	\$ 50.00

Mexico

Chihuahua	
Centro Christino Scholarship, Homer WSCS	\$ 40.00

Phillipines

Manila	
Harris Memorial Training School, Scholarship, Bastrop WSCS	\$ 20.00

HOME PROJECTS, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE — 1949-50

Bureau of Town and Country—National

NAME	SUPPORTED BY	Amount Pledged	ADDRESS
MacDonell Methodist Center, 120 Scholarships	La. WSCS and WSG	\$6,000.00	Houma, La.
Migrant Work	WSGS, Carrollton Ave., N. O.	\$20.00	Hammond, La.
Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Worker	La. WSCS and WSG, Board of Education	\$1,200.00	Shreveport La.
Miss Marzette Stevens, Rural Worker	La. WSCS and WSG	\$1,200.00	Palmetto, La.
Miss Wilmenia Hooper, Teacher	Shreveport District, WSCS	\$450.00	DeLac, La.

Bureau of Education

La. Polytechnic Institute, work opened 1941			
Mrs. Thomas Folk, Student Counselor	La. WSCS, local church	\$1,200.00	Ruston, La.
Northwestern State College, Work opened 1939			
Miss Mantha Rose Caraway, Student Counselor	La. WSCS	\$1,200.00	Natchitoches, La.
Sagr-Brown Home and Godwin School, Founded 1921			
Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, Superintendent	La. WSCS, WSG, Local Church, WDGS		Baldwin, La.
Southwestern La. Institute, Work opened 1940			
Miss Pearlye Mae Kelly, Student Counselor	La. WSCS, WSG Rayne Memorial WSCS, Mrs. C. I. Jones	\$1,200.00 \$200.00	Lafayette, La. Nashville, Tenn.
Scarritt Study Grant, Laura Grievish			

Bureau of Urban Work

People's Community Center			
Miss Pearl C. Turnbull, Nursery Teacher	La. WSCS, WSG	\$1,200.00	New Orleans, La.
St. Mark's Community Center			
Miss Fae Daves, Head Resident	La. WSCS, WDGS		New Orleans, La.

Bureau of Social Work

Business Girls' Inn, Founded 1928			
Mrs. Mary Freeman, Head Resident	Shreveport District, WDGS		Shreveport, La.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar

"Words become flesh when somebody lives in them." How true this has been this year in our Approved Studies, where Kagawa, Nannie Gaines and many other missionaries have lived for us in our study of "Japan"; the early pioneers of the church in "Cooperation for a Christian Nation"; the many people responsible for the founding of the World Council of Churches and for founding our own church in "We the People of the Ecumenical Church"; and how vividly "Women of Scripture" have lived for us in that study! These studies have been, for many of us, words truly come to life. This has been shown in the wonderful results that have been reported as an outgrowth of study and in the well-planned, thorough studies so many societies have had this year.

We feel that the splendid enrollment at our School of Missions (158 enrolled, 108 credits given) and the fine attendance at the eight Seminars throughout the State, have resulted in study which has had as its motive the desire for enrichment of lives through a broader knowledge of the Bible and of our world today; so that we may better meet the need for Christian workers. At the School of Missions, there were three courses of study, five Departmental Clinics, and two Workshops, with visual aids being used to enrich the studies. District Secretaries of Children, Youth, Promotion, Christian Social Relations, and Missionary Education were subsidized by the Districts and the Conference to attend the Departmental Clinics and Workshops, and to take one class of study.

The training of local secretaries in Youth and Children's work was added to the Seminars this year. The eight Seminars were well attended and very helpful. Twelve teachers itinerated to the Seminars, which were well-planned and which have been very helpful to those teaching in the Societies.

Bishop Paul B. Kern has said "We have all the material resources for a magnificent program, but we lack the religious power to deliver those resources to the world. We cannot be what God wants us to be unless we do what God wants us to do."

May we, through study, find this religious power that we need and the knowledge of what God wants us to do.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

We recommend that:

1. Emphasis be given to the enlarged opportunities for Missionary Education in the four types of Group Classes (Co-operative Mixed, Interdenominational, and Union). Jurisdiction Recognition (JR) may now be granted to representative groups of Woman's Societies participating in these classes.

2. Every society be urged to follow either Jurisdiction Recognition or Efficiency Standards for ALL study classes.

3. Secretaries of Missionary Education develop definite plans to channel information about the Missionary Education program to the Wesleyan Service Guild units, assisting them in promoting approved studies in the Guilds.

4. Each local and district secretary of Missionary Education supply herself with "tools" with which to build a better study group — Handbook for Secretaries of Missionary Education, Questions and Answers on Missionary Education, Ways of Conducting Study Classes, Action from Study, etc.

5. There be at least one Jurisdiction Recognition class in each society, with the other three classes meeting Efficiency Standards, as a minimum program for the year.

6. Societies plan to send their secretaries of Missionary Educa-

tion, Student Work, Literature and Publications, Missionary Personnel (Youth), and Christian Social Relations, as well as their President, to the Conference School of Missions to be held in Shreveport, August 28 through September 2, so that they may attend the classes of Approved Studies AND the Departmental Clinics to be held for these particular officers.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait

The Local Church Woman in Louisiana has been doing her part toward building a World Christian Community. Many projects and activities have a world-wide relationship. Others have had to do with the nation, state and community, and still others requiring much time and effort have been purely local church activities.

The knowledge of the meaning and importance of the United Nations resulted last October in many special programs for the society or the whole church. One invited both Jews and Catholics to a "U. N. Birthday Party" with a highly inspiring program. All of this led to writing letters to Congress favoring legislation on Displaced Persons, Children's Emergency Fund and the Genocide and Human Rights Conventions.

Several groups, including Wesleyan Service Guilds have had special events to recognize new Displaced Persons coming to their community to help them feel a part of it. Some have been helping with clothing and gifts.

The study of the Ecumenical Church has led to a better understanding of the beliefs of others, and a greater appreciation of the growth and development of the Protestant Church, and a vision of what One Church in One world could mean. There has been a greater participation in the United Council of Church Women. Many contributed to "Pieces for Peace" bundles for Europe. Some are asking that local Councils be set up in their area.

On the state level, we have been promoting the return of Civil Service to state offices, and sponsoring legislation that will establish a permanent Youth Commission in Louisiana, if passed, to study the needs of youth in the state, including the delinquent and neglected.

Many societies are building better inter-racial understanding by getting needed recreational centers started for negroes, giving help to Vacation Bible Schools, supplying literature, paying the way of Negro delegates to training schools and visiting Negro schools. An inter-racial Conference was held in New Orleans in October to study "The Church and Public Education in Louisiana". A fine feeling of fellowship and understanding of many problems resulted, from which we hope action will be taken.

One Society of twenty members decided they wanted a permanent pastor and parsonage. A livestock Auction supplied money to build the house and then the members completely furnished it. In Lake Charles District many societies carried out various ways to raise the large amount they had assessed themselves to provide furnishings for the new Student Center in Lafayette.

Women in local Societies are co-operating with the Board of Temperance of the Annual Conference in the Essay contest by youth on the Alcohol Problem.

So it is that in countless ways in the line of Christian Social Relations, the women of this state are going "Forward Through Faith".

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

We recommend:

That we firmly support legislation banning the inter-state advertising of alcoholic beverages; we also recommend legislation pro-

hibiting advertising which suggests, directly or indirectly, that alcoholic beverages are beneficial to health or social prestige, or are a part of American home life, and that the sub-committee of the Resource Committee study further legislation in the realm of alcohol advertising.

That local secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities acquaint themselves with the program of Allied Youth; that they encourage the organization of new and the continuance of established Allied Youth Posts in the high schools of their communities. Headquarters: Allied Youth, 1709 M. Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

That the Woman's Division reaffirm our support of Federal Aid to Education which prohibits federal control of education, requires just and proportionate distribution of federal funds to pupils of minority races in states having separate schools, and confines the use of federal funds to publicly administered schools.

That we work for adequate educational facilities and opportunities for all children of the nation.

That local women visit the courts and make their influence felt in the interest of equal justice for all people.

We express our deep concern about our enormous surpluses of food in the United States at the time when there is need at home and mass starvation across the world, and call upon the President of the United States, the State Department and Department of Agriculture to take steps toward distribution of these surpluses which will meet the greatest human need.

We urge Congress to pass legislation permitting a larger participation in a technical assistance program to underdeveloped countries. We also urge that as much as possible of this technical assistance be channeled through the United Nations.

We urge that every safeguard be provided to avoid exploitation of people receiving help. And that the utmost care be taken in the selection of personnel for this technical assistance program. Such a program will also undergird the work of Christian missionaries.

That the Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in the local churches participate in or initiate plans for effective observance of National Family Week, co-operating with other churches and community groups wherever possible.

Local secretaries of Children's Work be invited to serve on the local Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in line with previous action by the Dept.

District and Conference secretaries of Children's Work be included on the Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities on Conference and District levels.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke

We certainly agree with Mrs. Long in that we can't help but feel enthusiastic over the possibilities of our service, in this field of Literature and Publications, because it truly undergirds every other department of the work. We serve as an advance spearhead, with the power to stimulate interest; interest which causes a desire for information, which causes concern; concern prompts action, which is necessary if God's work goes forward.

This year has been an interesting one. We show progress in many phases of our work. We are steadily moving upward in the number of societies reporting. We had reports from 191 societies last quarter.

We have a fair gain in subscriptions to METHODIST WOMAN — 3,592 for the year (a gain of 459). A slight loss in WORLD OUTLOOK subscriptions — 2,381 in 1949 which is 61 under 1948.

We have 33 societies in the Conference, reporting every elected

officer, a subscriber to the **METHODIST WOMAN**.

Book rooms were opened at all seminars by the district Literature secretaries. Literature, valued at \$860.21, was sold through these book rooms, which shows that the women are using the wonderful material available to them. The well managed book room at Conference in Alexandria, was under the supervision of Mrs. R. R. Rockwell. We were so pleased at the interest manifested in books and materials there.

A Week of Prayer packet was mailed from this office, in August, to every society in the conference.

It has been the pleasure of this office to see that articles, written by the Conference officers, concerning their work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, appear in the Louisiana Methodist, each month.

I want to pay tribute to my District Secretaries. A Conference officer could not have seven finer women as co-workers.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Since the time for securing the Certificate of Award for a 33½% increase in combination subscriptions to **THE METHODIST WOMAN** and **WORLD OUTLOOK** expires September, 1950, we set a goal for 1950-51 of one new combination subscription each quarter in the local society and Guild.

2. Where the Secretary of Literature and Publications is not a subscriber to the magazines, we recommend that the society give her a combination subscription.

3. In small societies, where it is not possible to fill all the offices, we recommend that a certain officer be designated to promote the literature and magazines and report quarterly to the District Secretary of Literature.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. A. M. Freeman

"Children of Today — Citizens of Tomorrow's World".

In our work toward building world friendship among children today, our special missionary units have been Japan and the Migrants. Last year they became acquainted with China and through their gifts and prayers have had a part in the missionary work of the church.

Two significant events for our children's workers this year were participation in the School of Missions held in co-operation with the Pastors' School at Centenary College, at which time a clinic on children's work was directed by your secretary of children. Then the eight seminars in the districts where the units for primary and junior children on Japan and the Migrants were taught. The response in attendance was most gratifying.

Our district secretaries report 193 local secretaries which is an encouraging feature. I cannot report the number of additional sessions held because some come in April and May.

Last year we asked for close cooperation of each home, each church and community. May we take the Conference on Child Welfare's slogan, "The Nation's Children — The Church's Responsibility", as our goal for the new year ahead?

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

Ruby Van Hooser, Secretary

We recommend:

1. That the four quarterly issues of the World Friendship Bulletin be published hereafter in **The Methodist Woman**, beginning with the summer issue, 1950.

2. That one more issue of the Bulletin in its present format be published (the spring issue, 1950) in order to acquaint the local secretaries of Children's Work with the change in its publication, and to urge that they become immediate subscribers to **The Methodist Woman**.

3. That the president of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service encourage the local secretary of Children's Work to use regularly the pages in **The Methodist Woman** written for the secretary of Children's Work.

4. That each district secretary of Children's Work be urged to take advantage of at least one opportunity for training a year.

5. That district secretaries be urged to attend district meetings for children's workers, and district meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

6. That district secretaries of Children's Work offer training for local secretaries of Children's Work, and, when possible, provide workshops in institutes for planning for missionary units in cooperation with the district director of Children's Work.

YOUTH WORK

Mrs. E. A. Sartor

We have, indeed, gone forward in the four areas of Advance Program which we have stressed throughout the year. We note gains in Methodist Youth Fellowship Commissions, Adult Advisers, in use of Missionary Education Materials, Intermediate Work Friendship Committees with Adult Advisers and missionary studies. Increased giving to Missions through Methodist Youth Fund. We have lost in number of Girl's World Friendship Groups and enrollment, but we have gained in local Secretaries of Youth elected and Missionary Personnel Committees organized. This is not a complete report as all district reports are not yet in.

Youth and Youth leaders served on a committee in June planning for a Christian Vocations Conference which was held at Centenary College in December (1949) with more than one hundred students in attendance. This conference was presided over by Church leaders who were well qualified to present fields of service open to the young people of our church.

The summer camping program was unusually fine and attracted large numbers of young people. Many of them attended assemblies and Leadership Schools, while others took part in Caravans and Work Camps. As a result of this training, we see an increased knowledge of the work and more enthusiasm to carry out plans.

In September, Youth Work was presented at the Educational Seminars throughout the Conference, at which time the four points of "Advance in Missions for Youth" were stressed and the Missionary Education Movement materials "Japan" and "Cooperation for a Christian Nation" were presented. These district meetings were well attended and much interest on the part of Youth leaders was noted.

Progress in Missionary education of Youth cannot be measured in statistics but one may truthfully state that Youth are coming to know missions as a natural part of the program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Statistical Report, June 1, 1949 to March 1, 1950

Commissions on Missions and World Friendship	54
Adult Adviser to Commissions on Missions and	
World Friendship	58
Secretaries of Youth Work acting as advisers	35
Using Missionary Education Movement Materials	23
Intermediate Department	
Missionary Education Advisers	34
World Friendship Committees	34
Missionary Units	23
Schools of Missions with Youth participating	12
World Friendship Groups of Girls in Youth Division	19
Using programs prepared for this group	13
Number of Youth Secretaries in Louisiana Conference	172
Personnel Committees organized	90
Methodist Youth Fund sent through Conference Treasurer	\$2,137.67

Supplies sent to Institutions and Projects of the Woman's Division
MacDonnel School, Bibles to children in Japan, boxes to Poland,
Japan, Korea, M. C. O. R. and CARE
\$10.00 to minister in Kiangsi, China
\$15.00 on furnishings for Student Center, Lafayette
\$10.00 Religious Center at Natchitoches
\$ 5.00 Dulac Indian Mission

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUTH WORK — 1950-51

LEADERSHIP:

A secretary of Youth Work in every local church who will actively promote Missionary education of Youth, **working** in close cooperation with the Youth Chairman of Missions and World Friendship.

STUDY:

A definite plan for use of missionary units in youth curriculum appearing in the periodicals, and time given for the study of the current Missionary Education Movement materials. A World Friendship Group of Girls wherever practical to become better acquainted with the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

PERSONNEL:

1. That the Youth Secretary take the initiative in setting up the Missionary Personnel Committee in the local church.

- a. This Committee have knowledge of and access to the 1950 issue of "Service Projects"
- b. Arrangements for wise personal counselling with prospective youth be made.
- c. Trips to summer agencies, especially Christian Service Seminars made available to youth, encouraging and supporting same.

INTERMEDIATE WORK:

That the Secretary of Youth Work be urged to promote the work with Intermediates in the following ways:

- a. Volunteer her services or help to secure separate and adequate adult leadership for Intermediates.
- b. Promote mission studies for Intermediates using the current Missionary Education Movement materials for Intermediates.
- c. See that every Intermediate is challenged to pledge and give to the Methodist Youth Fund.

GIVING:

1. Every member in every Methodist Youth Fellowship contribute to the Methodist Youth Fund. (Youth's main emphasis in giving in the Missions Advance Program)

2. Every member in every Methodist Youth Fellowship contribute to World service through the fourth Sunday offering and through general church benevolences.

3. Every Methodist Youth Fellowship share in relieving World's suffering by giving to relief through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK — 1949-1950

Mrs. W. E. Trice

W. S. C. S. — Wanted: Students for Christian Service. This has been the plea on every campus in Louisiana during the year just closed, and the various secretaries of Student Work have had a share in issuing the missionary call to hundreds of young people. Reports from campus secretaries have shown that leaders like Dr. T. Z. Koo, Dr. Charles Henry Clay, Dr. Joseph Staley, Miss Kathryn Bieri, have been presenting the challenge of the mission field — both at home and abroad — to college groups. From reports, student secretaries are becoming more aware of the responsibility which they share with student directors to present the various fields of Christian service open to college graduates and undergraduates.

Several new or re-decorated student centers were occupied for the first time with the opening of the fall semester, and student secretaries report having raised several thousand dollars for furnishing these centers. Wesley Foundation directors have been warm in their praise of the manner in which the Woman's Society through its student secretaries have supported them in every phase of their work, as well as to help supply these physical needs.

It has been the privilege of the conference secretary to be present at the Fall State Student Retreat at Camp Brewer, as well as to take part in the preparation for the annual meeting of the Methodist Student Movement this spring. An indication of the place which the student secretary is coming to occupy is the invitation issued to them to take part in this annual meeting of the Student Movement. The conference secretary has likewise had opportunity to present the work in the student field in district executive meetings, conferences, zone and district meetings, and Pastors' School.

The student conference at Christmas-time at Urbana, Illinois was one of those "once in every student generation" experiences. Under a quota plan, forty-five students attended from Louisiana. Many societies were stimulated, in the weeks following the conference, with reports from some of these students who returned inspired to appropriate the power of God for all of life.

Student secretaries reported this year that, for the first time, working with students was becoming more than simply a "cookery baking job." It is now becoming an inspired task of helping young lives further along the way "in the direction of dreams."

RECOMMENDATIONS

SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK — 1950-1951

1. Every society in the Conference elect a Secretary of Student Work by **August, 1950**. In small societies it is advisable to combine this work with the office of the Secretary of Youth Work.

2. **Study** — read all about students and their activities. Be informed on all phases of the Methodist Student Movement. Subscribe to **motive** magazine.

3. **Tell** your society and church about students and their interests. Use students on society and church programs.

4. **Plan** ahead for activities which will include students, whether you are a campus secretary or a local secretary, dependent on student activities to be held during holiday and vacation time.

5. **Contribute** toward the ongoing of the missionary recruitment program by supplying students with materials that will interest them in work camps, summer caravans, and student conferences. (Available from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum St., Cincinnati, Ohio, and from offices of Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.) Spread the news among college graduates and those graduating in June that we need **FIFTY FOR LATIN AMERICA** in 1950.

REPORT OF SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. Lee Tidwell

As we move on out in our advance for Christ, we see the need more and more for Supply Work which is truly "Love's Second Mile Giving" — We are giving our workers tools and equipment to augment the work for the Master.

First 3 Quarters 1949-50

SUPPLIES SENT TO HOME MISSION INSTITUTIONS

Value of gifts, cash, and new supplies, plus postage:

	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	YOUTH	CHILDREN
MacDonell Methodist Center	\$ 709.28	\$	\$ 25.00	
St. Mark's Community Center	1,008.51	21.22		
Business Girls' Inn	1,379.04	5.00		
Sager-Brown Home & Godman School	1,085.87	10.00	15.00	
Peck Hall	133.21			
Dulac Indian Work	749.04	2.50	5.00	
Rural Work	530.28	6.10		
Navajo Indians	30.79			
People's Community Center	1,060.60	37.60		
Jessie Lee Home, Alaska	10.00			
Car for Rural Worker	1,278.52			
Methodist Student Center, SLI	7,753.35		65.00	
Puerto Rico	6.00			
Brewster Hospital		16.00		
Mary Beth Littlejohn, MacDonell		30.00		
Aldersgate		129.65		
Mothers Memorial Center, Cincinnati		16.00		
Vashti		28.00		
Methodist Student Center, Northwestern			10.00	
TOTALS	\$15,734.49	\$302.07	\$120.00	

Total sent Home Mission Institutions — \$16,156.56

SUPPLIES SENT TO FOREIGN MISSION INSTITUTIONS

	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	YOUTH	CHILDREN
Japan	\$ 878.69	\$115.18	\$ 87.22	\$13.50
China	1,233.72	36.55	67.00	
Korea	682.54		92.12	
Philippines	108.64			
India	143.31			
So. Rhodesia	15.00			
Pakistan	100.00			
Mexico	5.00			
Argentina		9.00		
International Journal		5.50		
TOTALS	\$3,167.40	\$166.23	\$246.34	\$18.50

Total sent Foreign Mission Institutions — \$3,598.47

Grand total, Home and Foreign — \$19,755.03

Number of used garments sent — 6,044

Number of books and magazines — 1,284

Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Secretary of Supply Work

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPLY WORK

We recommend that:

1. The Secretary of Supply Work so promote her program of activity that each society will recognize the opportunity which is hers to "stretch the appropriation dollar."

2. The Secretary of Supply Work educate the society to an **urgency** of Supply Work especially today, when the services of our institutions at home and abroad, are in greatest demand.

3. All assigned "askings" be met before others of popular interest are assumed.

4. Certificates of award for local societies again be given for some supply work done for both home and foreign institutions and reports mailed on time each quarter.

5. Local societies have a direct personal share in sending boxes of supplies to the institutions under the Woman's Division of Christian Service, which are as follows:

Business Girls' Inn, 814 Cotton St., Shreveport, La.

MacDonell Methodist Center, Box 270, Houma, La.

Dulac Indian Mission, Dulac, La.

People's Methodist Community Center, 2009 Loyola Ave.,
New Orleans, La.

St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 North Rampart St.,
New Orleans, La.

Sager-Brown Home, and Godman School, Baldwin, La.

6. Societies observe the following schedule in sending Cash Supplies to the District Treasurer:

FOREIGN SUPPLY SCHEDULE ALL DISTRICTS

1st quarter — People's Institute, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2nd quarter — Colegio Americano, Porte Alegre, Brazil

3rd quarter — Crandon Institute, Montevideo, Uruguay

4th quarter — Miss Alexa McCain, Isabella Thoburn College,
Lucknow, India

HOME SUPPLY SCHEDULE

Districts	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Alexandria	St. Mark's Sager-Brown	People's Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell Methodist Center Bragg Hall, Scarritt	Business Girls' Inn Dulac Indian Work
Baton Rouge	St. Mark's Sager-Brown	People's Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell Methodist Center Bragg Hall, Scarritt	Business Girls' Inn Dulac Indian Work
Lake Charles	MacDonell Methodist Center Bragg Hall, Scarritt	Business Girls' Inn Dulac Indian Work	St. Mark's Sager-Brown	People's Community Center Rural Work
Monroe	People's Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell Methodist Center Bragg Hall, Scarritt	Business Girls' Inn Dulac Indian Work	St. Mark's Sager-Brown
New Orleans	MacDonell Methodist Center Bragg Hall, Scarritt	Business Girls' Inn Dulac Indian Work	St. Mark's Sager-Brown	People's Community Center Rural Work
Ruston	Business Girls' Inn Dulac Indian Work	St. Mark's Sager-Brown	People's Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell Methodist Center Bragg Hall, Scarritt
Shreveport	Business Girls' Inn Dulac Indian Work	St. Mark's Sager-Brown	People's Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell Methodist Center Bragg Hall, Scarritt

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mrs. Guy M. Hicks

In the past our yearly reports to Conference have usually been a generalized statement of inspiring progress complied with need for more of everything spiritual, more prayer groups, more evangelism, and more enthusiasm.

This year let me give you some statistics, based on third quarter reports, which will help make the Spiritual Life Cultivation picture clear, or at least be a measuring stick for you to use in your own local Society. After each figure, ask yourself — 'Does my Society raise or lower this percentage in Louisiana'

1. 94% of our Societies report active Spiritual Life Secretaries, 62% have Spiritual Life Committees, 71% serve on program committees. Not bad my friends, but only 59% help in total evangelism program of church. The word active should include active committees too.

2. 70% use worship booklets in connection with programs, 30% present stewardship in any form, 17% have any special studies with about 52% helping in the approved studies especially Bible. Some present stewardship as part or other programs and don't recognize it.

3. 37% of Societies report prayer groups although we have a total of 226 prayer groups — some societies have several — we have 1298 members of fellowship of intercession, about 13% of our total membership of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

4. 66% of Societies report serving shut-ins or special groups in some spiritual way, I feel sure many do without realizing it. Sometimes comparative figures are an incentive — would you like to know how we stand in the jurisdiction? We are 4th in percentage of active Secretaries, with two (2) Texas Conferences and New Mexico Conferences ahead of us; 7th in Spiritual Life Committees and among the top ones in prayer groups and fellowship of intercession. The best measuring stick, I think, is percentage of progress.

Let me thank you for the fact that Mrs. Bickley, Jurisdiction leader, says Louisiana reports are excellent and show steady progress along nearly all lines and this in spite of the fact that your Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life has been unable to do very much of the promotional work this year. The credit goes to the District and Local Secretaries of Spiritual Life and their present study leaders, ordinary members who care about the spiritual part of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, you have kept it going and increasing. God bless every one.

Let me list other things carried on faithfully by many, neglected shamefully by others — you be your own judge: week of prayer; family night; world communion; leadership courses; prayer circles; seminars; zone meetings; District conferences; and among other things, services led by nationally known prayer specialists. These are just a few of the many specials. If we are to advance spiritually we must devote more of our time to inner-soul searching and prayer.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Knowing the necessity for prayer and Spiritual power in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, we submit the following recommendations:

1. That every local Secretary of Spiritual Life study and stress the goals of the standing committee on Spiritual Life in Division, Jurisdiction and Conference. (See 1949 Work Kit, Louisiana Conference minutes, Officer's leaflets, etc.)

2. That every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Guild observe a daily quiet time for meditation, prayer, Bible reading, with periods of worship for entire family.

3. That there be one or more small prayer groups in each society.

4. That the following special prayer projects be emphasized in both daily quiet time and prayer groups.

- a. Advance program of Woman's Society of Christian Service Guild and Church.
- b. Missionary personnel as listed in Prayer Calendar.
- c. For the Assembly.
- d. For World Peace and United Nations.
- e. For Ecumenical or World wide movement of Churches.

5. That we observe more closely special days and periods for deepening Spiritual Life, such as: Lenten worship; days apart or retreats; week of prayer and self denial; worship periods of program meetings; cooperation in studies; promotion of special studies or sessions on prayer, faith, etc., as needed; world day of prayer.

6. That each local Spiritual Life Secretary offer herself to her Pastor representing the Woman's Society of Christian Service as one of his committees on evangelism, including all phases of advance program of entire church, recruiting members for Church as well as Woman's Society of Christian Service.

7. That special spiritual ministry to shut-ins, young mothers and others in need be an important part of the work for the year.

8. That Christian Stewardship be presented at least once a quarter by brief stories, posters, announcements, etc. (See Spiritual Life packet for material.)

9. That the following material be a **must** in the work of Spiritual Life Secretary: Spiritual Life Packet, Upper Room, Methodist Woman and World Outlook, (Circle programs, devotional material, especially Lenten services, study guide articles on Spiritual Life, etc); Pre-Assembly study packet (sent to each Society in February.) In this packet will be found Fellowship, Meditation for which Spiritual Life Secretary will be responsible. Spiritual Life Work Kit which will be included in packet by this summer; leaflets (for organization and Worship). Devotional books can be obtained from the following addresses: Literature Headquarters, 42 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio and Methodist Publishing House, Dallas, Texas; Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

By Mrs. C. I. Jones

The first two years of this quadrennium have been heartening for the Missionary Personnel Work. Recruitment is carried on especially in Local Churches, thus credit belongs to every woman in the Conference and to all ministers, and to each Methodist. Our Louisiana Methodists feel it is a privilege to continually give inspiration and encouragement to our youth.

Louisiana's first Missionary during the quadrennium was Miss Alexa McCain, of Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport. Her mother writes that Alexa has always planned to be a Missionary. She was a consecrated Christian, prepared and ready, when you Missionary Women told her of the need for an English teacher in our Isabella Thoburn College at Lucknow, India. She was accepted and went almost immediately. She writes that she is thrilled with the challenge of the work and that she loves it.

Lucille Hurley received her impetus in the Minden Church, quit a good job, and went to S. M. U. to prepare herself for the full-time Christian Service. Lucille graduated in three years and summer school and was accepted by the Regional Committee of Missionary Personnel. She is being given a year's study at Hartford Seminary for language and orientation subjects, preparatory to going to teach Home Economics in our Geo. O. Robinson School at Santurci, Puerto Rico. She is to be commissioned in 1950.

Neoma Windham, of Jena, had been a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria. She completed two years at Lon Morris

College, Jacksonville, Texas, working in the registrar's office while attending school. Neoma was accepted by the Regional Committee this year, and is now at Scarritt College on the Haas Louisiana Study Grant. She has another year at Scarritt. Dr. Hugh Stuntz reports that she is a very promising student.

Mantha Rose Caraway, a 1949 graduate of Centenary, is our Contract Conference Student Worker at Northwestern University, Natchitoches, and we are proud of her work. We have been informed that these four Louisiana girls count on our Louisiana quota.

During the past year, your Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel has visited several of our institutions where workers are needed. In Seward, Alaska, at the Jesse Lee Home, we saw 100 happy children in this lovely orphanage. A new deaconess had just arrived to help with this Social Work, two were on the return voyage with us.

We saw the Methodist Hospital in Seward, where there is need for several nurses holding RN degrees with some experience in general duty nursing and surgery. This would be for 3 year contract on regular salary with transportation to Alaska and return, and this would count on our quota.

At Gum Moon Residence Hall, home for Chinese girls in San Francisco, another deaconess is needed.

Latin America now calls for 25 girls and 25 boys "in another 3 year venture of fellowship and service" to go into ten Spanish speaking countries and Brazil. College graduates between ages of 21 and 28 will be selected and given a six-week training period of intensive training in July and August and sail in the early fall; 25 will also be sent to Japan to work with the 50 who went in 1948.

A world traveler has said: "Missionaries are much before the public. They represent both Christ and America, so it is essential that qualifications of our missionaries be of the very highest."

My highest privilege of the year was to be in attendance at Buck Hill Falls for the Commission Service for newly appointed Missionaries and Deaconesses. It was a sacred moment when Bishop Cxnam took each one by the hand and said: "I commission you to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ into all the World."

The Missionary Personnel Committee Recommends That:

1. We double our efforts to contact college youth (particularly those in their senior year), and Guild members who are already prepared, and inform them about urgent need for workers of every vocation, as LA-3's, J-S's, and for Full-Time Christian Service.

2. We emphasize the importance of an active Missionary Personnel Committee in the Local Church. (By-Laws Article 6, Section 6—also found in Standing Rules). Committee shall be composed of the Secretary of Youth Work, Chairman; Secretary of Student Work, the Pastor, President of the Society, President of Wesleyan Service Guild (also if desired, Secretary of Status of Women). The President of the Society serves as Chairman until a Youth Secretary is elected. This committee sends names of high school Life Service Volunteers to the District Missionary Personnel Secretary.

3. District Secretaries of Missionary Personnel be elected in all Districts of the Conference, whose duties shall be to create an interest in Full Time Christian Service. They especially cultivate the young people of high school age, and set up a card index system in order to keep accurate records. They channel names of College Life Service Volunteers to the Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

4. The goal for this quadrennium for the Louisiana Conference be one new Missionary or Deaconess for every thousand members, based on our 1948 membership of 11,152 which included all Wesleyan

Service Guilds: one by June 1949, three or four each year until June 1952.

5. When the Local Church Committee of Missionary Personnel has a prospective candidate already trained and experienced, the name should be sent direct to 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., to the Department of Missionary Personnel in care of Miss Katherine Bieri if the candidate is interested in Foreign Work, and to Miss Alice Murdock if Home Work is desired.

6. The Conference have a Youth Night at each annual meeting when the needs of Missionary Personnel shall be presented.

7. The Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel be a member of the Conference Commission of Christian Vocations.

8. Missionary Personnel Committees in Local Churches use more publicity by frequent use of Church Bulletins, Posters on Bulletin Boards for Church or Campus, films such as "Operation J-3's, A-3's, Beyond Our Own, of Rural Work, Conference Institutions. Also publish names of key people to contact in your Church when interested.

9. As each new Missionary or Deaconess of Louisiana is commissioned, her picture with a short story of her life appear in our Conference Minutes.

10. Missionary Personnel Literature be freely distributed among the youth of the conference. Order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Recommendations for the Wesleyan Service Guild

It is recommended:

1. Since gainfully employed women are in our midst in great numbers, that the subject of membership be made so paramount that the goal of "every one win one" shall become a personal matter in the thinking of every Guild woman, everywhere.

2. Because there are hundreds of prepared women within our present membership who could, and would, answer the Church's urgent call for full-time Christian Service in a capable manner, if they were really challenged, that we make "Recruitment Personnel" a MAJOR emphasis, and for this we shall need to be in earnest, continual prayer for the guidance of our Heavenly Father.

3. That over and above giving may be encouraged and that the total membership may be made to feel a personal interest in the missionary projects of our Guild, a definite program for Supplies be worked out for the Guilds and up to date information on Supply needs, particularly for Guild projects be furnished regularly.

4. That the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service may become better acquainted with the work of both groups, more joint meetings be held in the local churches and districts as well as on conference levels.

5. That plans be formulated to strengthen the unity of the work and the fellowship between the various local Guilds to overcome the separate and apart feeling some Guilds seem to have at times.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 19-20, 1949—Opelousas, Louisiana

The Executive Committee Meeting, Louisiana Conference, Wesleyan Service Guild was called to order by the Conference Guild Secretary, Miss Grace Lawson at 3:00 P. M. at the First Methodist Church in Opelousas, Louisiana. It is interesting to note that this is the oldest Methodist Church west of the Mississippi River as well as the oldest church in Louisiana Methodism. The Executive Committee and guests were welcomed by Miss Dorothy Dunbar, president of the Opelousas Wesleyan Service Guild and District Secretary of the Alexandria District. She introduced Dr. R. H. Harper, pastor of the First

Methodist Church in Opelousas, who also welcomed the Committee on behalf of Opelousas Methodists.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, District Secretary of the Monroe District, gave the opening meditation.

To open the business session, introductions were made and the following persons were present:

Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Alexandria Dist. Sec'y., Opelousas

Miss Fannie Burch, Baton Rouge Dist. Sec'y., Amite

Miss Berla Whiddon, Lake Charles Dist. Sec'y., Lake Charles

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Monroe Dist. Secretary, Bastrop

Miss Emma Kuntz, New Orleans Dist. Secretary, New Orleans

Miss Vera Winfree, Ruston Dist. Secretary, Ruston

Miss Grace Lawson, La. Conference Secretary-W.S.G., Welsh

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, La. Conference Promotion Secretary-WSCS, New Iberia

Miss Mary Gladys Page, La. Conference Secretary-elect-WSG, New Orleans

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, La. Conference Rural Deaconess, Shreveport

Miss Mary Beth Littlejohn, Home Missionary, MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, La.

Miss Lawson outlined the agenda which included plans for 1950 Guild Week-end; Guild night at the W.S.C.S. Spring Conference to be held in Ruston; Reports; Finances; Projects and Organization of new Guilds.

In the discussion on reports, Mrs. Campbell explained that the W.S.C.S. in Louisiana Conference is now conforming with the Woman's Division recommendations for the time of making reports. All reports are to be sent in on the last day of the third month of each quarter, i.e., August 31st; November 30th; February 28th and May 31st except for the Treasurer's reports which are to be sent in with remittances one month earlier, i.e., July 31st; October 31st; January 31st and April 30th. It was suggested that each W.S.C.S. District Treasurer be instructed to send a complete copy of each quarterly report to the Wesleyan Service Guild District Secretary in her district as well as to the Conference Guild Secretary, and that her report should include the amount of money on hand for District Guild Cultivation. Mrs. Campbell pointed out that any money which is earmarked Cultivation and is not spent during the year would be transferred to the general fund.

Miss Lawson distributed Secretary of Promotion report forms for future use.

Session adjourned.

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The Executive Committee and visitors were guests of the Opelousas Wesleyan Service Guild at a gumbo supper at the Fire House. Corsages were presented Misses Lawson and Dunbar.

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The Committee reconvened at the Church at 8:00 P. M. with Miss Lawson presiding.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson introduced Miss Mary Beth Littlejohn and explained that beginning the first of 1950 Miss Littlejohn would replace Miss Arline Tyler as one of the four Home Mission Projects sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division. (See January 1950 issue of The Methodist Woman). Miss Littlejohn explained that the purpose of the McDonell Methodist Center was to lift Christ up and to develop leaders who in turn can provide leadership among their people. She stated that the dormitory residents are now attending public schools in Houma and that classes are being held on the campus for Indian children who are not allowed to attend public schools. Some of the buildings are being repaired and as soon as this work has been completed she hoped that various groups

throughout the State would hold retreats, conferences, leadership training schools at the Center and in so doing would gain first hand information about the Center.

At Miss Littlejohn's invitation the Conference Guild Committee voted to hold their 1950 Fall Committee Meeting at McDonell.

Other work of the Center includes home visitation, organizing and meeting with W.S.C.S. groups, assisting with the work of the five churches which are on the Houma Heights and Mission Circuit and co-operating with Parish Health Authorities. She stated they needed clothing, milk pastuerizer (five gallon size), movie projector (portable) and coat hangers.

Session was dismissed with prayer led by Miss Winfree.

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Session convened again on Sunday morning at 9:00 A. M. at the parsonage with Miss Winfree leading the meditation.

Miss Lawson led the discussion during which time tentative plans for the 1950 Guild Week-end were outlined. The week-end of August 5-6, 1950 was decided upon; the place—Camp Brewer, La. The Alexandria District will have charge of the morning watch. Miss Littlejohn will be the speaker for the eleven o'clock service on Sunday. Miss Vera Winfree and the Ruston district will plan the recreation for Saturday evening. "International Night" was the suggested theme for the recreation period.

Miss Lawson will set up a display of helpful and interesting literature for Guild use.

Miss Mary Gladys Page, Conference Secretary-elect, was elected official Guild delegate to the National Assembly to be held in Cleveland, Ohio on April 18-21, 1950. Mrs. Minza Rabun and Miss Fannie Burch were named first and second alternates respectively.

The group named Mrs. Thain, instructor at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, as their first choice of a speaker for the Guild Banquet at the Conference in Ruston. Miss Vera Winfree was elected to co-operate with the W. S. C. S. in making plans for the Banquet.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Miss Elizabeth Thompson after which Mrs. R. H. Harper served coffee. The group then attended Church Service at the Opelousas Methodist Church.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF STATUS OF WOMEN

Mrs. Ira Campbell

I wish space would permit me to tell of the various capacities in which women are serving in the Methodist church of Louisiana. Many instances the new avenue of service having been opened to those women by the local Secretary of Status of Women promoting their election or pointing out special talent. We have two hundred and twenty-one women serving on official Boards of our Church in Louisiana, while one hundred and ninety-five represented their churches at District and Annual Conferences. Certainly more than these served but were not reported. Every service rendered by a woman in our church that is well done with intelligence and sense of responsibility, is a stepping stone to larger areas of service for women in our church.

The cooperation of the one hundred thirty-nine or more Secretaries of Status of Women with the Study program has been most helpful to all concerned this year. Many Status of Women Secretaries took special training in order to be able to help with the study "Women of the Scripture". The study on 'Life and Work of Women in the church Ecumenical' has found its place in the Deliberations of the World Council, and work on this subject continues. Our Division President, Mrs. Frank Brooks, is a member of a special commission set up to be instrumental in making churches conscious of the great and indispensable contributions of women.

Almost all the churches in the Conference have made surveys of

the women of their churches for talent, special interests, etc. This was recommended four years ago but continues to serve in a valuable way to help find women for certain offices in the Society and Church.

Several Secretaries have reported making scrap books of the Status of Women's work which is a contribution to our church history. Fifty years hence those scrap books will be invaluable.

Ever with a great faith and idea that God has called each one to a special service, let us move forward on the stepping-stones of Faith to that service.

Stepping-Stones of Service

"And so were the churches established in faith, and increased in numbers daily." Acts 16:5

THUS

"Ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:16

SO

"Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith." Heb. 10:22

AND

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own-selves." II Cor. 13-5

FOR

"For faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17

WHEREAS

"By faith ye stand." II Cor. 1:24 "For we walk by faith, not by sight." II Cor. 5:11

THEREFORE

"I live by the faith of the son of God." Gal. 2:20

AND

"The just shall live by faith." Rom. 1:17

NEVERTHELESS

"Your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." I Cor. 2:5

FOR

"According to your faith be it unto you." Matt. 9:29

SINCE

"Without faith it is impossible to please him." Heb. 2:11

THEREFORE

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong." I Cor. 16:13

ALSO

"Let us who are of this day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love." II Thess. 5:8

Recommendations for Status of Women

The Committee on Status of Women re-emphasizes the minimum program which has been suggested in the past and further recommends the following plans:

A. A chart be prepared of the abilities of women in the church for use by nominating committees.

B. Nominate during the year at least one qualified woman to a general board or committee in the local church.

C. Have at least one program during the year devoted to the Status of Women.

D. A study of "The Life and Work of Women in the Church", and "Women in American Life" (Literature Headquarters 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio) be made during the year by the Secretary of Status of Women and Committee.

E. The Committee of Status of Women work with the Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities Committee on the National Citizen's Roll Call of Methodist Women. (Plans to be launched at Assembly.)

F. The Committee on Status of Women work with the Personnel

Committee and the Wesleyan Service Guild in interesting and recruiting well qualified women for immediate and full time service—also youth for volunteer service in the local churches.

G. A study be made to determine the relation of women employed within the church to salary, status and pension. Hoping to stimulate some action within the church for raising the status of the employed women within the church.

H. The local Secretary report quarterly to the District Secretary of Status of Women.

RURAL WORK OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Deaconess

For work as varied as your Conference Rural Project a conventional report is impossible. Hence, I am listing a few of the activities of the past year for your consideration.

"Read again the life of Jesus and see how he worked and talked within the experience of people," advised "Miss Mary" Mims. "There will not be a soul in the community that you cannot reach," she said, "if your heart is attune to God". A worker must be alert constantly to keep herself attune to God. Every visit to the 54 local churches (since last March) and the 21 District and Conference meetings and each personal contact have been enriching experiences. However, three experiences stand out not only for their spiritual value but for their practical help in applying Jesus' principles at the grass roots. This worker is especially grateful for Mrs. W. B. Landrum's visit to the Districts; Dr. Rockwell Smith on the Rural Church at Pastor's School and Dr. Mary Mims at the meeting of rural church workers and conference officers, held at Scarritt Rural Training Center, Crossville, Tenn., last October.

It has been my privilege to participate in three and have definite responsibility for two of the Interboard activities of the year. These were conferences on Social Action, Christian Vocations and Peace. Not only at the vocations conference—but on every occasion with youth I have presented--YOUR CALL TO SERVE--"Assignment: the World!

The three Churches on the Walker charge, Baton Rouge District-Walker, Friendship, Mangam have organized a charge W. S. C. S., Sixteen members were present at the organizational meeting and accepted the challenge to "Give of Your Service - Substance - Self"

Three years ago the Conference Director of Children's Work and I helped Estherwood Church, Ebenezer charge, Lake Charles District, to organize a Church School. In December it was my privilege to return to Estherwood and with much pride I was shown an educational building under construction.

This time last year Sieper community, Melder charge, Alexandria District, was a discouraged little group. There was talk of abandoning it as a preaching place. Now they have a lovely white Church with a combination Community Hall and Church School rooms. This was done by the people without a member moving in. The resources were there all the time. They needed the vision and the "want-to" with only the minimum outside help. Truly "responsibility educate" for they are assuming the obligations as church members as never before.

The Conference pictures have been shown to more than 50 local groups and this seems to be their reaction—"A Picture is Worth 10,000 Words . . ."

Added to our Visual Aids now is a lovely record player. Thanks to "Supplies" and Noel Church, Shreveport.

These aids along with your cooperation and prayers make Rural Work in Louisiana a joy rather than a JOB.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

New Orleans, La.

Faye L. Davis, Director

While our program at St. Mark's is principally one of recreation, our aim is for the all-round development of the individual. For the most part our people come from poor, overcrowded homes where the front room is a bedroom and the tiny kitchen must answer also for dining room and living room. Many nationalities are crowded together in this old section of the city, the section that tourists flock to see, yet the section, which because of its wickedness and wretchedness, has been likened to ancient Sodom. Drunkenness, dope pedaling, prostitution, all kinds of vice abound, and our young people are exposed to everything. One day a member of our staff picked up 14 marijuanas in the front yard. Such conditions make it doubly important that we keep St. Mark's the friendly, comfortable place it has always been where the people of the community can come, assured of sympathy and understanding.

Our program includes Brownie Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Story Club for little boys and girls, Play Acting for those a little older, Dramatics for teen-agers and adults, other teen-age clubs, gym classes, crafts, game room, outings and swimming. This year we had four boys' basketball teams, two girls' teams, and a football team. Some of the teen-agers with the help of Miss Ganswind and Mr. Prince publish our paper, the "Gangplank". Many special events, such as plays, family night parties, short term courses are features of the program during the year. We are still maintaining a Day Care Center for the children of working mothers. Our present enrollment is 550 which represents some 250 families. Our total attendance for the year ending February 1950 was 43,783, which means we had an average attendance of about 900 a week.

Most outstanding among events of the year was our Silver Anniversary of our work at the present site which was celebrated jointly by our Church and Center last September. The historical pageant written and presented by our Miss Day was beautiful and moving. The whole experience was gratifying not only because we had such wonderful cooperation from our staff, including volunteers—without whom we would be unable to operate—and board, but from newswriters, newspaper photographers, radio men, former members, city officials, dept. stores, and others.

As to progress, I wish I could tell you what you would like to hear, e.g. that we are transforming the neighborhood, but we know that we are only kidding ourselves when we think we can accomplish such changes en masse. Society does not change that way; it is a one by one process. The most we can expect to do is to help some. This we have done, and we could cite a number of examples by way of illustration if space permitted.

We would like to expand our service especially in quality and effectiveness. A camping program is a real need, but we cannot see it as a possibility this year. We do hope to have a kind of day camp program for two weeks following Vacation Church School this summer. We hope too to work out something in vocational guidance for youth. As employment opportunities decrease this seems even more important.

We appreciate the fine support which you of the La. Conference have given us. The supply money which you send is often used to help defray current expense. We prefer cash as this enables us to buy supplies as we need them. Everytime our porter looks at me he asks for a polishing machine. It is a real need as we now have waxed floors in most of our rooms and it is not possible to keep them up with the small polisher we are able to borrow once in a while.

But greater than this is our need for your continued interest and

prayers, and our need for a more adequate staff—a staff with a vision. I suppose the director of St. Mark's has been expressing this need every year and there it ends. I do not feel that it is impossible, however. The call of the Church is for ADVANCE. If we are to go forward we all need to enlarge our faith in a God who delights to do the impossible.

SAGER-BROWN—Baldwin, La.

Mrs. Evelyn Thomas

The Woman's Division of Christian Service is operating Sager-Brown Home and Godman School in Baldwin, La., for Negro children. There are 23 girls and 15 boys in the home at present. We have had to turn down several applications for boys because of inadequate facilities, which we regret very much since there seems to be a great demand for placement for boys.

Godman School is a Junior High School serving the children of Baldwin and vicinity as well as the children in the home. There are six teachers and the enrollment is 104.

The institution is an outstanding example of what Christian training means to boys and girls, especially to those who through no fault of their own are compelled to live on the lowest levels of life. It's interesting to note the decided change that comes over most of them after six months or a year under Christian guidance.

Some of the outstanding activities of the past year include an Easter Cantata depicting "The Last Days of Jesus", May Day, Recital, two weeks Vacation Church School, six weeks Summer School, Annual Christmas Tree and Program. The Methodist Youth Fellowship group purchased new choir robes and presented the church with two dozen new hymnals under the leadership of two teachers, through their own efforts. They are learning to give service where it is needed most. Last summer the home was represented at the Methodist Youth Fellowship Institute and Girls' Camp at Gulfside, Miss.

About forty percent of the children have a father and no mother while about fifty percent are from broken homes, who in our estimation are in worse condition than a total orphan. Naturally, they do many things that they wouldn't do under normal circumstances. We are fortunate to have a group of teachers and workers who think of the welfare and happiness of a child rather than "self".

We are happy to report that we now have a deep well with a pump that furnishes a thousand gallons of water per hour. The town of Baldwin has a new fire engine with a thousand feet of hose. They have access to the Bayou Teche in case of a fire. Firemen have visited the home and have definite plans for an emergency. We have just completed two bathrooms—one for the boys and one for the matron—and a washroom.

"A great task demands a great faith. To live a great life a man needs a great cause to which he can surrender, something divinely large and engrossing for which he can live and if need be die. Our moral efficiency depends on our religious faith." Here at Sager-Brown Home and Godman School youth has learned to have faith in God, faith in prayer, faith in the Bible, faith in love, faith in the Kingdom of God and faith in themselves.

REPORT FROM THE NURSERY DEPARTMENT OF PEOPLE'S METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

Pearl C. Turnbull, Nursery School Teacher

Rev. George W. Carter, Superintendent

When the school rang out on the morning of September 8, 1949, signalling the beginning of another school year, about thirty-eight

fortunate little boys and girls between the ages of two years and nine months to four years and six months found their way to the Nursery Class of the Peoples Methodist Community Center. I say fortunate because in the space of several weeks about that many more had to be turned away for lack of space to accomodate them.

The great need for an institution such as this one, can be readily appreciated, when one is acquainted with the results of a recent survey made in this section of the city by the Orleans Parish School Board, to determine the educational and social needs of this particular area. This survey disclosed the fact that this is the most densely populated community in the city, with thousands of underprivileged children living in sub-standard, unsanitary homes.

Mrs. Ruth G. Carter, the Social Worker, works with each family and helps in solving many of their problems not only at school but at home.

The daily routine activities of the Nursery Class are many and varied. When the bell rings in the morning the children line up for health inspection. Special emphasis is placed on clean hands and teeth and general neatness in grooming. Symptoms of colds or contagious skin infections are checked.

The first period of every day is devoted to morning worship. The children are taught to reverence and worship God through prayers, hymns, Bible stories and scriptural memory verses.

Language Arts: The children are helped to develop an adequate vocabulary for self-expression through the use of stories, Nursery Rhymes and conversations.

Out-Door Play: The children learn the well known ring and singing games, which aid in promoting sound social relationships, dramatic expression through music and rhythm as well as fun, relaxation and physical development.

Free Play Period: The child is allowed to play with the toys of his own selection. The supply is very limited but provide a measure of happiness.

With some of the funds derived from the sale of clothes that come from various societies we secure appropriate records, art supplies, molding clay, scissors and coloring books. All of which play an important part in helping the child to enjoy a well rounded program of activities and develop a well balanced personality.

Rest Period: As the children awaken from their afternoon nap they are allowed to select a picture book or coloring book and chalk for free activity until closing time.

Except for your kindness and spirit of applied Christianity these children could not be given this opportunity to develop into happy, well adjusted little people such as the group in our Nursery Department.

My fondest wish in this matter is, that you could meet and talk with the parents of these children and hear their testimonies of appreciation and gratitude for the improvement and fine progress their children are making in the Nursery Class at Peoples Methodist Community Center.

We recommend:

That both Louisiana Conferences, Central and South Central, send in a request to the Woman's Division to consider People's Methodist Community Center in the acceptance of new projects in cooperation with the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church as soon as possible.

We are grateful to the Society and Guild for the Cash Supply gifts as well as the regular supplies donated this year.

MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER

Mrs. Ada Dail

Board Members, Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, President; Mrs. Ada Dail, Mrs. George Sexton, Miss Marjorie Minkler, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Dr. H. L. John, Rev. Milton Sanford, Rev. C. R. Hardy, Mrs. D. J. Bergeron, Miss Nettie Brunnette, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Mr. C. R. Patterson, Mrs. John Pharr, Mrs. Leslie McKenzie.

Greetings from your MacDonell Methodist Center! And I delight in this opportunity to bring before you a report of its three-fold program and its consequent needs. For we, your workers, have considered it a challenging experience to work with you in this area so strategically important for advancing Protestantism and building the kingdom of God.

You know, of course, that the Board voted last year to discontinue school on the campus, so MacDonell boys and girls are now attending the public schools of Houma. During the first few weeks these children naturally met with some adjustment difficulties. But when the six-weeks reports came out with some really good grades, and several even made the honor roll, the children were not slow to decide in favor of public school.

According to plan, we have kept our enrollment below 25 this year; however, we may have as many as 50 next year. The School Building (the second and third floors of which provide dormitory space) and McCoy Building (also providing dormitory space on the second floor) could not be further used for dormitories until repairs were made. This fact necessitated housing the boys in Keener Hall (formerly the girls' dormitory) and the girls on the second floor of Downs Hall and in Wesley House (which was also undergoing rather extensive repairs). Repairs at Wesley House have been completed; School Building repairs will be complete as soon as the heating system is installed; and McCoy Building is now in the process of being repaired.

Life on MacDonell campus offers the children many enriching opportunities. First and foremost, through training in culture, morals and religion, the entire Staff seeks "To Lift Up Christ", that each boy and girl may be inevitably drawn to Him. Then there are the school parties, for the planning of which the boys and girls assume a large measure of responsibility and to which outside guests are sometimes invited. Needless to say, these occasions are becoming increasingly popular. And in keeping with the recognized value of the school journey as a medium for education and personality development, MacDonell has arranged for several trips of this kind, among these a visit to the Museum and Zoo in New Orleans and to the Capitol and University in Baton Rouge.

This is the second year MacDonell has provided on its campus a school for the Indian children living in Houma. The 19 children enrolled range from first through fourth grades. So far, this school has been in session during the forenoon only, with two teachers in charge. During the coming year we expect to have both morning and afternoon sessions, possibly using an additional teacher.

MacDonell's rural work reaches out far beyond the confines of the Houma Heights 5-point circuit. Specifically, MacDonell's rural workers, seeking to promote the total program of the Church, cooperate with the pastor toward building up the Sunday Schools, expanding the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, (5 circles with an approximate total membership of 60), enriching the activities of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and planning for the many children in these several communities.

Visiting in the homes, a most important phase of rural work, pro-

vides contacts that are invaluable as a means of better understanding the needs of the people and how these needs can best be met. Through such visitation MacDonell workers are steadily widening their scope of service throughout the Circuit; and beyond the Circuit, to families whose needs are reported through our own Church membership and through former MacDonell students now living in neighboring parishes. Hence, because of its expanding program, MacDonell's need for scholarships, cash supplies and boxes of good used clothing is greater than ever before. If we are to care for as many as 50 children next year, there must be more \$25-per-month scholarships (channeled through the Conference Treasurer) than are now available. From time to time our boys and girls, like all other children, have a way of needing new shoes, dental work, medical attention, glasses and many other necessary things. So please continue to be generous in sending cash supplies (also channeled through the Conference Treasurer), that these needs of the children may be adequately met. In addition, perhaps your Society would like to "adopt" a child and thus supply directly his or her personal needs. And now that our children are in public school they need more clothes than when they remained on the campus throughout each day. Please, therefore, send us even more boxes of clothing for boys and girls than you have been accustomed to send.

We need more boxes of clothing for our rural work, too — clothing for men and women, for babies and for children of all ages. The demand for help of this kind is increasing steadily, while the number of boxes received is on the decrease and our supply-on-hand will soon be exhausted. These clothing supplies are an effective means of bringing both encouragement and material help to families who are finding it difficult to "keep on keeping on".

Every MacDonell Staff member is most eager that these many needs be fully met. But it is an undertaking far too great for us alone! — an undertaking for which each of you has a real measure of responsibility. Thus the Center must have your continued financial and material support to maintain its 3-fold program of service. But more than these, we covet your personal interest and your sympathetic understanding. The "Welcome Mat" is always out for you at your own MacDonell Methodist Center. We, your workers, are eager to know each one of you individually. And we hope that you will make a practice of coming to see us often.

Day-by-day Educational Teaching at MacDonell includes:

- Fairness and Christian consideration toward all,
- Instruction and practice in laundry work,
- Training in setting table and serving meals,
- Training in cooking and housekeeping,
- Instruction in cleanliness and good grooming,
- Instruction in pleasing table manners,
- Careful consideration in speaking,
- Continuous emphasis upon telling the truth.

Organized Christian Training includes:

- Chapel Service in the morning
- Sunday School and Church
- Personal Counseling
- Girls' Vesper Services
- Mid-Week Prayer Services
- Training in leadership in the Youth Fellowship Group.

DULAC INDIAN MISSION

Wilhelmina Hooper

In the 18 years since its humble beginning the school for Indians at Dulac has seen great changes in the people it serves. There is poise, confidence, self-reliance where formerly one saw hesitant, downcast, brow-beaten looks. Economic conditions have improved.

They live in better houses. In the house of God there is the same humble reverence, but they listen with better understanding. They use the good words heard and pass on the message to others with more intelligence. They cooperate eagerly and without the suspicious attitude so pronounced in the early days.

This new-found spirit of faith and cooperation was wonderfully manifest in their help with the new building. They gave eagerly of their time and strength to unload the heavy materials, and to lift them in place on the structure. When the call went out for help the men and boys flocked to the place. Both old and young worked hard and long, joking and laughing as they worked and planned for a night school and other advantages anticipated. Shells were needed to build a driveway into the grounds so they used their own boats and worked days hauling shells from the coast, loading and unloading with equal joyousness. The men work many hours cutting grass and weeds, which grow like magic in this area, to keep the building safe and the grounds lovely. Even the children are glad to help. Whenever I want to get some work done at the new place all I have to do is go over there and the children come running from all directions. Even the 3-year-olds help mop — with a small rag — carry trash out to burn, or oyster shells, one at a time, to a strategic place. We worked at these tasks every day during the Christmas holidays. What possibilities for people with such eagerness of mind and soul!

The work has grown numerically, too. School attendance and the Church and Sunday School attendance have all increased. The people enjoy the French services conducted by Rev. Anatole Martin, an old-time friend, and the work done by Misses Littlejohn and Hayes of MacDonell.

In addition to the school work we have many homes to visit, telephone calls to make (long-distance and local), first aid calls to meet, letters to write for illiterates, milk supplies to provide for invalids and babies, and a constant procession of visitors to receive who are come for clothing, or scraps for quilt-making, or just for a bit of counselling and comfort in troubled times.

The erection of the new building ushers in a new day for the work at Dulac, a marvelous opportunity for a "community-centered" school. Visual education can be provided, a boon to folk of limited ideas and vocabulary. Cooperation with Parish Health Units, Parish Demonstration Agents, and other Parish-wide agencies will be greatly facilitated.

The building itself, as the Architect expresses it, "is quite suitable for its use. Not too fancy, but superior to all other structures in the neighborhood".

At Dulac, in the year 1950, the Methodists of Louisiana can hear the word, "Behold I have set before you an open door".

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

Mrs. Mary E. Freeman

In making a report for the past year, I must begin by saying how grateful we are to the conference for the generous gifts of money to be used for the guilding fund. We deeply appreciate this help which came at a time when it was much needed. To the many, many societies over the conference I say, "Thank you", over and over for your gifts of linens and pantry supplies.

Almost a year has passed since we moved into our new home. How well I remember that first night and day! Everything was new except twenty-three girls who came from the old building. New faces by the dozen had to be learned and their needs met. They, too, had to get acquainted and adjust to the new home. I wondered how I

would ever plan meals for so many, but fifty-four seems as natural as did twenty-four.

In order to serve the largest number of girls, the Board thought it wise to change some policies regarding time of residence, age and salary of the girls. The following policy was adopted. (1) Time of residence three years; (2) Age—Seventeen to thirty; (3) Salary — not to exceed two hundred dollars.

The formal opening of the home last May was a memorable day for us. Guests, about a thousand in number, came from business places, offices, clubs, Sunday School classes, churches of all denominations, and out of town friends of the W. S. C. S. came and viewed the house from bottom to top. Those who had worked so faithfully and hard were made happy when they heard over and over the words, "It is so lovely!"

Some of the attractive features of the new home which give the girls and their friends much joy are the date room, game room, kitchenette, and patio.

Perhaps upon vote, the date room would win as to being the most popular. Not only is it popular for couples but for special group meetings, and for table games. The game room furnishes rest and recreation for tired bodies. Hours are spent there in table tennis, music, singing, and dancing. Square dancing taught by Mr. Porter of the Y. M. C. A. has been enjoyed by many.

The patio is a delightful place during Spring, Summer, and Fall. Lovely with flowers around it, furnished in outdoor furniture it is inviting to chat, entertain friends, or to have before bedtime refreshments. The kitchenette is a handy place. Hot or cold lunches, coffee, candy when the mood strikes and snacks are very frequent. Never a day goes by that it is not used.

Christmas and Valentine's Day have been two outstanding occasions for parties. The first Christmas in our new home will always be remembered. The banquet tables were lovely in Christmas decorations. After a bountiful turkey dinner, the family assembled around the Christmas tree in the living room for a program and Santa Claus. What a delightful and blessed time we had together! Valentine's Day provided both fun and beauty. The girls were lovely in formals. Dates were invited to share an evening of fun and enjoyable hours were spent in games of various kinds.

All this and more for the convenience and happiness of girls. But this is not all. To live at one's best there must be guidance; to grow there must be food for the Spirit; to develop one's ability there must be service. We strive to make this possible by prayer, talks, discussions, and personal service.

How wonderful to have a Business Girls Inn with all its privileges for comfort, happiness and a fuller life! How grateful I am to have had the privilege of serving in it for seventeen years!

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VISITING INSTITUTIONS

Each institution under the Woman's Division within the Conference was visited by one or more members of the committee during the year. The second year of the Advance has brought changes. When Gilbert Academy was sold, Peck Hall, which was on Academy property, was demolished. The furnishings from this dormitory were sent to the Sager-Brown home at Baldwin, greatly enhancing the interior there. MacDonell School has become MacDonell Methodist Center, giving a three-fold service: (1) a boarding home for children attending the public school in Houma; (2) a day school for Indian children in this vicinity; and (3) a community center serving all ages in the bayou area.

At Dulac the new building attains completion to serve as an Indian School.

The fine larger Business Girls' Inn gives an enlarged service to

many more young women who come to the city for employment.

In New Orleans, St. Mark's Community Center in the Vieux Carre serves people of many nationalities, and negro children are served at the People's Methodist Community Center.

As we view the panorama of the varied pieces of work, we are thrilled with the Missionary enterprise in Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Chairman

NORTHWESTERN LOUISIANA COLLEGE

Natchitoches, Louisiana

Miss Mantha Rose Caraway, Director

With appreciation to the W. S. C. S. for making possible this opportunity for service and with belief in God's promise that what is sown in His name, though it be like a mustard seed, shall grow and become great, I submit this report of the activities of the Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State College beginning September, 1949 through March, 1950.

These have been months of experimentation, development, and inspiration. All three of these processes have been involved in each phase of the work. Being new in the work, each day has called for experimentation in the thinking and responses of some of the sixty active Methodist students and many other Methodists and students of other denominations who feel at home with us. A small group of us here at Northwestern are convinced that what Dorothy Nyland, Harold Ehrensperger, and Hiel Bollenger have said is true, that, "The campuses over the United States are pagan". We are also convinced that in many respects Northwestern falls into this category. A small group has had the desire to include along with the speakers and coffee, the praying and play — a freer and more truthful thinking concerning those principles of Christianity involved and violated on our campus and in our world. We have made some progress in this. To build on this is our greatest aim for the coming year.

In September we saw the beginnings of a struggle to tie up loose ends and to develop a program which included Sunday morning and evening meetings, committee and council meetings and recreational get-togethers. Until January 2, you would have found us in a little dismal office in the corner of the Training School building, at the church, or in some other rigged up place on the campus. But since January 2, we have been located in the new Religious Center, an attractive building built by the state and conveniently located on the campus. In this building we have a large Wesley Foundation room and office, and we share an assembly room, kitchen, and council room with the other religious organizations on the campus. Our rooms and a percentage of the community rooms were furnished as a District project under the direction of Rev. Jolly Harper and Rev. D. W. Poole. Some of the ladies of the Natchitoches W. S. C. S. have given time and interest in planning and selecting these furnishings. We now have a beautiful and comfortable house to make our home. For this we are thankful and need your prayers for God's guidance in the use of our Wesley Foundation home.

We have seen development within the lives of individuals and in appreciation of our organization by those looking on as well as those within it. The inspiration for this growth has come in many ways, planned and unplanned. We believe some of the sources were the small cell groups, the Retreat last fall, a one act play and other special services presented by the students, participation in the National Conference at Urbana and the Spring Conference at L. S. U., the experiences of our deputations teams, participation in the daily interdenominational Vespers, in the study and worship on Sunday, and the fun and fellowship at other times. Perhaps it came to some

while writing a letter to their senator concerning the Langer Bill or the Bill concerning Federal aid to Parochial schools, or perhaps to others when they saw students, whose homes do not happen to be in North America, coming into our room — shy, but finding a welcome and a place of their own. Only God knows the true growth that has been made, and now we are concerned with what lies ahead — six weeks of busy beautiful spring, Spring Retreat, a series of new weekly meetings, Graduate's Banquet, and Fall planning, and then . . .

We do not know the time, nor form, nor depth

Of what is there;

But this we know, that while with Christ we're kept,

All we can bear.

We'll find life fair.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

Lafayette, Louisiana

Miss Pearlye Maye Kelley

Since we made our report last year, many dreams have become realities. We have traded our shack for a beautiful red brick palace — a kitchen with no leaks; a permanent place of worship; a separate room for study, prayer, or counseling; two down-stairs rest rooms; an office with equipment and closet, conducive to neatness, efficiency, and real work; a living apartment with kitchen, bedroom, bath, and combination living room, dining room, bedroom. If you haven't seen our furniture, you must! The ladies of the W. S. C. S. in the Lake Charles District furnished the Center. Everything beautiful, which heart could desire, from furniture to soft green venetian blinds to lovely Chapel drapes bespeak interest, love, and service. Thank you seems inadequate in return for what you have done, but a sincere thank you bursts from the lips and hearts of ex-students as well as the students now enrolled at S. L. I.

Religious Emphasis Week, which was held in November of this year, was a marvelous experience for all S. L. I. The University Christian Mission visited our campus and we had Dr. T. Z. Koo, Dr. Roland Dutton, Dr. Robert Burns, and Dr. George Ritchey as promoters of Christ on our campus. These men gave Protestantism a boost and enthusiasm the like of which I have not witnessed in my four years at S. L. I. We feel that we cannot begin to evaluate the \$90.00 which the students put into it.

Our deputation team is organized and ready to go. We have been asked into church very seldom this year. Perhaps, they are afraid we'll continue to ask for money.

Our attendance at Wesley has continued to be good. During last summer we averaged 50 persons each Thursday night — about 20% more than our summer worship has attracted since I've been in Lafayette. Commuters' luncheon has continued with an average of 11 persons each Tuesday.

Our offerings have increased for Missions — we gave \$100.00 to the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund; \$15.00 to the Methodist Home-Hospital; \$5.00 in cash to the Orphanage. We purchased 24 folding chairs, paid for our lectern, put red-stained glass in our Chapel window and are paying on a new cold drink box. We finished our \$2,000 quota on the Student Center Building Fund.

At the present time, we have two boys and two girls who plan to go into full time Christian Service. To watch them grow and serve is something which makes one know that the worth of our Church with its student program cannot ever be totally evaluated.

The College Department — Church School and Sunday evening Fellowship group has fallen, in numbers, below the 46 to 65 level of 1946-47 Session. However, the interest is good and attendance which has been spotty tends to reach a little higher level after each spurt.

We appreciate your help, interest, and prayers — as we strive to promote the work of our Church with students, please continue to pray for us.

LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

Mrs. Lucille Folk

Greetings:

Another year has rolled around at La. Tech. It has been a good year for us all. Some things have turned out well; others have not been so successful. That is to be expected in all walks of life.

It is always hard to decide just what to tell in these short reports. The most important event of the year has been the Urbana conference during the Christmas holidays. We had fifteen delegates to go to this meeting. They had to leave home on Christmas Day, spend the night in Jackson, Miss., in order to get the train with the other Louisiana delegates in Jackson. Our budget provided \$25.00 each for our delegates; home churches helped most of them. The students themselves had to pay the rest of the cost. The total cost per delegate was about \$100.00. The home churches were most co-operative when I asked them to help one or two delegates from their congregation. The parents were more than willing to stretch their own budgets to make it possible for their son or daughter to go. The trip up and back meant a lot to the Louisiana group; the conference itself meant more than I can put in words.

Last June we had ten to go to the regional conference in Kansas. Now we are busy getting 30 to 35 to go to the state conference in Baton Rouge.

Our projects for others have been good. Last year we began our contributions to the METHODIST STUDENT FELLOWSHIP FUND and chose our Fellow College. Our gift to this fund was \$104.00. This year we have already sent in \$75.00. We hope to exceed the total of last year. In addition we have sent enough CARE linen and blanket packages to our Fellow College in Germany to equip two beds, song books, magazines, and many boxes of used clothing. We also sent special gift to the Fellow American Project.

The students feel that our boy in the Methodist home here is our very own. We clothe him and buy his Christmas things. What fun we had playing Santa Claus again this year. We have him over for supper and for parties on his birthday and on Christmas. At these times we have him bring some of his friends so that he will not feel ill at ease with so many older people.

The event of the week is Tuesday night when we have vesper supper and worship. The fun of cooking, cleaning, dishwashing makes for unity in the group. After the last cup is dried, we sing and then have worship. So far we have had excellent attendance every week.

The most amazing activity we had last year was our Holy Week study class at 6:45 each morning. The attendance was as high as 65 and remained high throughout the week.

Again I say that this has been a good year. We invite you women to visit us at any time you are in Ruston.

Department of Law

BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and By-Laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book, and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Article I

Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, beginning with 1942 the following officers shall be elected for a term of two years (with the privilege of re-election for a four year term): a vice president, a Promotion secretary, a secretary of Missionary Education and Service, a recording secretary, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, a secretary of Supplies, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. The following officers shall be elected for a four year term: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Youth, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of the Status of Women, and a secretary of Missionary Personnel. Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. (a) At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Society shall elect six delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, all of whom shall be Conference officers. Three of these, including the president, shall be elected by office, the other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur in the offices designated during the quadrennium, the successor in office shall be considered the Conference representative. Vacancies occurring among those elected by name shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

(c) Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting the election.

Article II

Vacancies

Section 1. When vacancies among Conference officers, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the Administrative Committee with ratification by the Executive Committee until the next regular election.

Section 2. When more than one half of an unexpired term of office in the Conference or District is filled, it shall constitute a full term of office.

Article III

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the offices, the District Presidents and District secretaries of Promotion and such other persons as the Conference society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdiction Officer residing in the Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be chairman; the vice president, the Promotion secretary, the treasurer and officers residing in the District involved in matters of administration. This committee shall have the power to serve as an ad interim committee.

Article IV

Funds

Section 1. The treasurer may disburse without order from the president and Promotion secretary the quarterly expense money for

all officers.

Section 2. The treasurer shall advance each quarter for office expense the following amounts: to the president \$25.00; vice president, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Spiritual Life, Supplies, Status of Women, and Missionary Personnel \$12.50; the treasurer \$10.00; Literature and Publications \$15.00. The secretary of Supplies to be allowed an additional expense account up to \$20.00 when necessary. Postage shall be allowed all chairman of Conference Committees.

Section 3. A sum not to exceed \$300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities for the promotion of this department of work in the Conference.

Section 4. Fifty cents per member shall be set aside by the treasurer for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of December 31 of the preceding year. Expense of officers, speakers at Annual Meetings, expense of Executive Meetings, expense of delegates to Jurisdiction Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, expense for promotional and educational work of the Conference shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference Work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 5. Each local society shall include in its budget for District Cultivation Fund, an amount equal to ten cents per member, to be remitted to the District treasurer.

Section 6. District treasurers shall set aside \$25.00 each year beginning with 1947, for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

Article V

Districts

Section 1. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. Beginning with 1946, a leader for each zone shall be appointed by the District president for a term of two years with the privilege of re-appointment for one additional term. The Zone leaders shall hold not less than two meetings in their respective zones each year. A collection may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the District treasurer.

Section 2. District officers shall be elected biennially for a term not to exceed four years, with the possible exception of the treasurer. For the first term only the following officers shall be elected for a two year term, with the privilege of re-election for a four-year term: a vice president, a Promotion secretary, a recording secretary, a secretary of Missionary Education, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, a secretary of Supplies, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. The following officers shall be elected for a four year term: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Status of Women, a secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Section 3. The District Executive committee shall be composed of the District officers, the Conference and Jurisdiction officers and members of the Woman's Division residing in the District.

Article VI

Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving.

The committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, informal studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 2. There shall be a Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, which may include District secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities or other specially trained leaders in the field of social action, including the Wesleyan Service Guild members, and members of the department of Christian Social Relations and local Church Activities of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. This committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning the work of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Division and Jurisdiction.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Study and Action composed of the secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year and make recommendations concerning the same to the Conference Society.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the Conference as chairman, and the treasurers of the District Societies, the Conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild or her representative, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference society. This committee shall meet semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall study the strength of the society in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed of Conference income and assist by counsel in the forming of the Conference pledge and budget.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Status of Women. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the status of women in the local church, the community, the state, the nation, and in other lands. This study shall include the bases of Woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the church. The committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society for the promotion of such lines of activities as will improve her status and enable her to serve effectively.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel, composed of the Conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, who shall be chairman, the Conference president, the Promotion secretary, the secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, the secretary of Youth Work, and the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of

candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgement of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction.

Section 7. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Conference, of the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. There shall be a Deaconess Advisory Committee in each District where a deaconess is employed, with the following personnel: the District president, who shall be the chairman; the District superintendent, Conference officers within the District, the pastor in charge of the local church, and the presidents of each society in the charge in which the work is undertaken. The committee shall meet semi-annually, at which time the worker employed by the Conference shall make a report. Written reports shall be made monthly to the District Promotion secretary, Conference president, and the Conference Promotion secretary.

(b) The District Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the District.

(c) During the time that the work of the Rural Deaconess is coordinated with the work of the Annual Conference Board of Christian Education, she shall report quarterly to the Conference president, the Conference treasurer and the Executive secretary of the Board of Education. This committee shall direct her work.

Section 9. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District secretaries of Promotion, Conference secretary of Status of Women, with a chairman elected by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the Conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of standing committees. It shall report its findings, when called for, to the Conference Society.

Article VII

Amendments

Section 1. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws thirty days before the annual meeting of the Conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. All communications from Conference officers, such as circular letters, literature, etc., must go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society; the Conference officer is expected to provide postage for same.

2. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

3. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

4. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District president, the District Promotion secretary, the district treasurer, the District secretary of Supplies.

5. Typist shall be supplied at the annual meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

6. A half-hour of each forenoon during the annual meeting of Conference shall be devoted to worship.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and Promotion secretary.

2. In order that the society entertaining the annual Conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service that society may elect its Zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time, the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than February 15.

7. The Promotion secretary in each local society shall send the Memorial Roll to the District Promotion secretary not later than March 10.

8. Societies having circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. Representation at annual meetings shall be one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society however small will have one delegate.

10. The hostess society for the annual meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee, and the delegate from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expense to be paid by their local society.

11. Thirty days before the annual meeting, the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the Conference registration cards, which she shall fill in with names of delegates, and with check covering meals, and mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

12. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegate or delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Conference.

13. In each local society there shall be a committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the secretary of Youth Work, who shall be the chairman, the secretary of Student Work, the pastor of the church and president of the society, whose duties shall be to channel names of prospective candidates to the District and Conference secretaries of Missionary Personnel.

14. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer for Missions.

ROSTER OF ZONE LEADERS AND SOCIETY PRESIDENTS ACCORDING TO ZONES AND DISTRICTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Zone 1 — Mrs. John Sewell, Jena, La.

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Natchitoches	Mrs. Vorice King	117 Behan, Natchitoches, La.
Jena	Mrs. A. I. Breithaupt	Jena, La.
Tullos	Mrs. Clara Baker	Tullos, La.
Urania	Mrs. A. M. Johnson	Urania, La.
Winnfield	Mrs. H. V. Dunford	Winnfield, La.
Jonesboro	Mrs. B. Z. Forman	Jonesville, La.
Trout	Mrs. T. E. Watts	Good Pine, La.
Davis Springs	Mrs. Lucie Key	Campiti, La.

Zone 2 — Mrs. M. A. Walker, Bentley, La.

Boyce	Mrs. E. Tower	Boyce, La.
Colfax	Mrs. T. L. McNeely	Colfax, La.
Montgomery	Mrs. L. J. Harrison	Montgomery, La.
Palestine	Mrs. Mary Goff	Tioga, La.
Pollock	Miss Mollye Stewart	Pollock, La.
Pineville	Mrs. Carroll Barron	1713 Donahue Ferry, Pineville, La.
Oak Grove	Mrs. G. C. Clark	Vick, La.
Ball	Mrs. Warren Mitchell	Ball, La.

Zone 3 — Mrs. W. F. Mayo, 2325 Alma, Alexandria, La.

Alexandria: First Church	Mrs. Earl Jones	631 Jackson St., Alexandria, La.
Trinity	Mrs. J. H. Swanson	15 Chester St., Alexandria, La.
Wesley	Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux	Rt. 2 Box 278, Alexandria, La.
Elizabeth	Mrs. B. F. Williams	Elizabeth, La.
Glenmora	Mrs. R. H. Andrews	Glenmora, La.
Lecompte	Mrs. C. A. Daughty	Lecompte, La.
Melder-Fellowship	Mrs. A. Z. Hoyer	Hineston, La.
Oakdale	Mrs. W. I. Twiner	Box 612 Oakdale, La.

Zone 4 — Mrs. W. L. Doss, Bunkie, La.

Bunkie	Mrs. J. O. LaPrarie	Bunkie, La.
Marksville	Mrs. Lee Berlin	Marksville, La.
Melville	Mrs. Sam Lantrip	Melville, La.
Opelousas	Mrs. John Dowling	Opelousas, La.
Palmetto	Mrs. G. A. McDaniel	Palmetto, La.
Evergreen	Mrs. Marvin Tanner	Evergreen, La.
Ville Platte	Mrs. M. O. Mallory	Cabot Co. Camp, Ville Platte, La.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Zone 1 — Leader, Mrs. John Piker, Slaughter, La.

Baton Rouge First Church	Mrs. Walter B. Robert, Jr.	1257 Laurel St., Baton Rouge
Ingleside	Sect'y, Mrs. E. B. Townsend	4638 Sweet Briar St., Baton Rouge
Istrouma	Mrs. T. M. Ellis	2821 Brady St., Baton Rouge
Lottie	Mrs. R. O. Long	Lottie
New Roads	Mrs. Ben Morgan	New Roads
North Baton Rouge	Mrs. J. J. Delambre, Jr.	5820 McClelland Dr., Baton Rouge
Plaquemine	Mrs. H. C. Dalgre	626 LaBauve Ave., Plaquemine
Rosedale	Mrs. W. S. Row	Rosedale
Slaughter	Mrs. J. I. Law	Slaughter
University Church	Mrs. L. M. Harrison	2150 Olive St., Baton Rouge
Windbourne Ave. Church	Mrs. Jack D. Hays	4668 Wilmot St., Baton Rouge
Zachary	Mrs. J. A. Jacobs	Zachary

Zone 2 — Leader, Mrs. A. O. Buckingham, Bogalusa, La.

Angie	Mrs. Clyde Adams	Angie
Bogalusa	Mrs. C. D. Tisdale	309 Miss. Ave., Bogalusa
Fisher	Mrs. Mary Miller	Rt. 3, Franklinton
Franklinton	Mrs. J. W. Bell	Franklinton
Mt. Hermon	Mrs. C. B. Rogers	Mt. Hermon (old)

Zone 3 — Leader, Mrs. Carrie Worten, Denham Springs, La.

Baker	Mrs. Frank R. Burris	Rt. 1, Baker
Bethel	Mrs. Richard Jones	Greenwell Springs
Blackwater	Mrs. Sidney Joseph	Baker
Carpenter's Chapel	Miss Donnie Stafford	Hobart
Deerford	Mrs. R. L. Anderson	Slaughter
Denham Springs	Mrs. Ray Riley	Denham Springs
Faithful	Mrs. Ed Michael	Rt. 2, Gonzales
Live Oak	Mrs. Tom W. Ott	Watson
Magnolia Chapel	Mrs. George Bailey	Greenwell Springs
Meadows Chapel	Mrs. A. Duplessis	Prairieville
New River	Mrs. O. A. Lowe	Sorrento
Walker	Mrs. Lula Wesley	Corbin

Zone 4 — Leader, Mrs. Ellis Varnado, Rt. 2, Kentwood, La.

Amite	Mrs. W. M. Eldridge	Amite
Greensburg	Mrs. C. S. Holland	Greensburg
Hammond	Mrs. R. M. Allen	Avalon Terrace, Hammond
Kentwood	Mrs. Herbert Broyles, Jr.	Kentwood
Lee's Landing	Mrs. Alvin Carpenter	Rt. 1, Ponchatoula
Livingston	Mrs. Jack Higginbotham	Livingston
Loranger	Mrs. L. M. Cook	Loranger
Montpelier	Mrs. Mabel Watson	Montpelier
Pine Grove	Mrs. Athalea Shillings	Pine Grove
Pine Ridge	Mrs. L. E. Watson	Rt. 1, Kentwood
Ponchatoula	Miss Minnie Varnado	Ponchatoula
Springfield	Mrs. W. B. White	Springfield
Tangipahoa	Mrs. W. J. Newsom	Tangipahoa
Tickfaw	Mrs. D. V. Jenkins	Tickfaw
Wesley Chapel	Mrs. Ester Heitman	Rt. 1, Ponchatoula

Zone 5 — Leader, Mrs. Murphy Dreher, Rt. 2, Jackson, La.

Clinton	Mrs. John Richardson	Clinton
Ethel	Mrs. Everette Kent	Ethel
Jackson	Mrs. Wade Connell	Jackson
New Hope-Concord	Mrs. L. Spillman	Spillman
St. Francisville	Mrs. Harry Daniel	Rt. 2, Jackson

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Zone 1 — Leader, Mrs. Robert Jackson, Many, La.	
DeRidder	Mrs. Harry McLaughlin
Leesville	Mrs. W. H. Pollard
Merryville	Mrs. A. E. Giles
Many	Mrs. Paul Porter
Prospect	Mrs. M. A. Sandel
	Rt. 3, Florien
Zone 2 — Leader, Mrs. W. P. Lewis, Sulphur, La.	
DeQuincy	Mrs. Sam Reed, DeQuincy
Lake Charles	Mrs. F. F. Johnson
Maplewood	Mrs. C. E. Gardner
Simpson	Mrs. Asa I. Hoffpauir
Sulphur	Mrs. W. G. Carnahan
University	Mrs. Phillip Knause
Vinton	Mrs. A. B. Baker
West Lake	Mrs. T. E. Simmons
	Rt. 1, West Lake
Zone 3 — Leader, Mrs. Horace Denison, Iowa, La.	
Basile	Mrs. Charles Bollich
Elton	Mrs. Charles Brauchaus
Iowa	Mrs. Donald Petticrew
Jennings	Mrs. Russel H. Berkeley
Kinder	Mrs. Percy Leland
Lake Arthur	Mrs. Robert Doland
Raymond	Mrs. Earl Brown
Welsh	Mrs. T. J. Fear, Sr.
	Basile
	Elton
	Iowa
	62 E. May St., Jennings
	Kinder
	Lake Arthur
	R. F. D. Elton
	Welsh
	DeQuincy
	711 Drew St., Lake Charles
	93 East End Ave., Maplewood
	2006 Third St., Lake Charles
	P. O. Box 2024, Sulphur
	103 Seventeenth St., Lake Charles
	1507 Harridge St., Vinton

Zone 4 — Leader, Mrs. G. K. Sutton, Crowley, La.

Abbeville	Mrs. Stanley Pearson	204 S. Jefferson, Abbeville
Church Point	Mrs. David Marshall	Church Point
Crowley	Mrs. G. K. Sutton	614 N. Ave. L, Crowley
Davidson Memorial	Mrs. P. J. Antill	114 S. Sterling St., Lafayette
Ebenezer	Mrs. E. E. Faulk	Rt. 1, Crowley
Eunice	Mrs. J. P. Bedell	Box 148, Eunice
Gueydan	Mrs. Dennis Hartwell	Gueydan
Indian Bayou	Mrs. A. E. Robideaux	Rt. 2, Kaplan
Jeanerette	Mrs. S. A. Thornton	Jeanerette
Kaplan	Mrs. Luther Fletcher, Jr.	Kaplan
Lafayette	Mrs. George Thomas	Lafayette
Maxie	Mrs. William Winchester	R. F. D. Rayne
New Iberia	Mrs. M. B. LeMaire	128 Bank St., New Iberia
Rayne	Mrs. Inez Whittington	Rt. 1, Duson
Ridge	Miss Lettie Boulet	1011 South Ave. G, Crowley
Wesley		

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Belcher	Mrs. B. E. Stephens	Belcher, La
Benton	Mrs. Grace Pettet	Benton, La.
Bethany	Mrs. N. G. Alexander	Bethany, La.
Blanchard	Mrs. A. A. Harwell	Blanchard, La.
Bossier City	Mrs. Nath Allen	1224 Delhi, Bossier City, La.
Curtis Park	Mrs. T. E. Carroll	304 Jacquelyn, Bossier City, La.
Coushatta	Mrs. Douglas Fowler	Coushatta, La.
East Point	Mrs. A. W. Weems	East Point, La.
Gilliam	Mrs. W. O. Lytton	Gilliam, La.
Grand Cane	Mrs. J. C. Griffith	Grand Cane, La.
Greenwood	Mrs. James Trosper	Greenwood, La.
Hall Summit	Mrs. M. J. Givens	Hall Summit, La.
Houghton	Mrs. R. L. Hudson	Houghton, La.
Hosston	Mrs. Lamar McKinney	Hosston, La.
Ida	Mrs. Crit Petty, Sr.	Ida, La.
Keithville	Mrs. Will H. Keith	Keithville, La.
Logansport	Mrs. James Pace	Logansport, La.

Longstreet	Mrs. J. W. Moncrief, Jr.	Longstreet, La.
Mansfield	Mrs. C. B. Yarborough	Mansfield, La.
Mitchell	Mrs. J. D. Sistrunk	Mitchell, La.
Morningsport	Mrs. John L. Sharp	Morningsport, La.
Munnerlyn Chapel	Mrs. W. D. Norton	Rt. 1, Ida, La.
Oil City	Mrs. Harold Braselton	Oil City, La.
Pelican	Mrs. Henry Joyner	Pelican, La.
Plain Dealing	Mrs. Leon Sanders, Jr.	Plain Dealing, La.
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. J. D. Bowman	Pleasant Hill, La.
Rodessa	Mrs. W. C. McDonald	Rodessa, La.
Shreveport:		
Broadmoor	Mrs. J. L. Saxon	318 Albany, Shreveport, La.
Caddo Heights	Mrs. Frank Giles	4019 St. Vincent, Sheveport, La.
Cedar Grove	Mrs. H. H. Hagedorn	114 E. 67th, Shreveport, La.
First Church	Mrs. Clarence O. Day	955 Oneonta, Shreveport, La.
Mangum Memorial	Mrs. R. E. Hollingsworth	3024 Exposition, Shreveport, La.
Morningside	Mrs. J. W. Murray, Jr.	3222 Wagner, Shreveport, La.
Noel Memorial	Mrs. N. E. Mulkey	118 Prospect, Shreveport, La.
North Highlands	Mrs. O. W. Byrd	Rt. 5, Box 481, Shreveport, La.
Park Ave.	Mrs. Vera Jenkins	3806 Maryland, Shreveport, La.
Trinity	Mrs. Ella Long	P. O. Box 3385, Shreveport, La.
Wynn Memorial	Mrs. L. D. Salter	2447 Coral, Shreveport, La.
Stonewall	Mrs. R. N. Hall, Sr.	Stonewall, La.
Summer Grove	Mrs. W. H. Pringle	2316 Meriwether Rd., Shreveport
Vivian	Mrs. C. H. Pardue, Sr.	Vivian, La.
Zwolle	Mrs. M. L. Corley	Zwolle, La.

MONROE DISTRICT

Zone 1 --- Mrs. M. L. DeFreese, W. Monroe, La., Ruston Rd. Leader

Brownville	Mrs. A. R. Robinson	West Monroe, La., 111 Lindberg
Claiborne	Mrs. L. R. White	West Monroe, La., Rt. 1
Columbia	Mrs. R. E. Lee	Columbia, La.
Columbia Heights	Miss Lola Banks	Columbia, La.
Gordon Ave.	Mrs. C. L. Taylor	Monroe, La., 114 Grayling Lane
Grayson	Mrs. Ted L. Johnston	Grayson, La.
McQuire	Mrs. J. L. McElroy	West Monroe, La., 404 Woodrow
Memorial	Mrs. H. W. Williams	Monroe, La., 1825 College
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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESSES

Mrs. Edwin B. White, Division Secretary of Spiritual Life:

"Victorious Faith — Its Meaning For Me"

"Why Have Quite Time?" We have come together for spiritual house-cleaning and to let God re-arrange some of the things that clutter up our lives by taking a time apart with God each day. God desires to speak to us, but so often we give Him no opportunity to do so.

What is the objective of all our manifold activities? It is to bring souls into personal communion with God and maintain that communion — stillness — with God for a time. "Come ye, yourselves, and rest awhile with God", He said to His disciples. "Come!" and how often have we answered, "Speak Lord, thy servant heareth!" Surrender your will to His will and you will go away from this place full of His grace and power. Remove all distracting thoughts — "Hold up your cup, dear child, for God to fill, He only asks this hour that you be still!"

How can we acquire God's power? It is a gift — achieved by faith and tested out in personal experience. How many of us have faith enough in God to stake our all on Him? How many of you live through the week the "Affirmation of Faith" that you repeat each Sabbath day? If every Christian lived daily as if he believed in God, then He would direct them and they could turn the world for Jesus Christ.

True religion is the product of faith. Faith, in a sense of trusting God, has to be a personal experience. What are some of the elements of **Victorious Faith**? (1) Hope. Our faith enables us to dare to hope. Christians are the only ones who dare to hope. The awe, fear and reverence of God is the beginning of our true faith in God. (2) Intelligence of reasonableness — believing that God rules this universe. "All things work together for good to those who love God" — this is a Christian's security. (3) Joy. He is mine and I am His", therefore I possess a deep abiding joy. Joy to love as He loved. If you would live victoriously He put it up to you when He said "According to your faith, be it unto you". Forty-five times He spoke of faith.

We should share with one another instances in our lives when our faith has been tested and proven. (At this time Mrs. White asked for personal testimonies from anyone present to be shared with the others.)

Mrs. Edwin B. White (Wednesday)

"And Ye Shall Go In — and Find Pasture" — John 10:9

"I have come that we may have life." There is need for spiritual renewals to meet the needs of our day. "Be still and know that I am God" — tarry and be still, take time to find the direction in which He wants you to go. "Create within me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me". "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength". We need this quiet time to enable us to have confidence to meet life. "Take time to be holy — run not before Him" — we have a tendency to run before the Master.

People are becoming discontented because they are dissatisfied with everything else. Will they find us Christians poised and quiet? Attract people to Christian work — In our societies we are more prone to appoint a committee than to call a prayer meeting. We have to take time to be a Christian and take time out from everything to gain new zeal, inspiration and strength — the important thing is that this time be taken out some time during the day — never use the

word hurry — use a different schedule — use a balanced approach to life.

Christ says, "Do you want to be whole?" He gives us the prescription, He says, "Tarry, wait, abide". Are we following His directions? How are we to keep the springs fresh-flowing if we do not tarry with Him? To keep them fresh-flowing, one has to go in and out, "wait patiently". We must allow God's music to flow through us. We must empty ourselves so that His music might flow through in order that new life might spring up, that it might fill up and spill over. We have access to His power, if we ask for it. We need to place our values in the proper places. When Christians come to realize that prayer has its proper place in a day's schedule just as does dishwashing, dusting, etc. We need to re-capture our sense of values. Do we have to eat? Yes, to have strong bodies — of spiritual bread? Yes. Help us to be like Moses and know not that our faces have shone."

Mrs. Edwin B. White (Thursday)

"Ye Shall Go Out and Find Pasture"

"And Jesus said, "I am the door, if any man will come in" — doing something for Him! If you do not want the kingdom of God, do not pray for it, but do two things if you do want it: **work** for it and **pray** for it, because it is a two-fold thing. "Worship" and "witness" go together. We want to **be** and then **do**. Can a vision then do our task. "Seek ye first the kingdom" — love God with all your heart and then reach out and love your neighbor as yourself. Three times He asked Peter, "Lovest thou me?" and then answered "Feed my sheep".

"He went about doing good" but don't let us forget that "He went apart to pray".

"Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" Love constrains and God's love makes us want to go out and do something for Him. People either do too little or too much for Him (that is, some people's not doing enough makes others have too much to do.) It depends very much on the mother to keep a balanced approach to life for our families.

Enlist others to share our tasks, spend a few minutes asking God to direct us to the people who can help in the work of the Church, to spread around these duties. Spiritual exercise is as necessary as physical exercise.

The need for Christianity's ministry is so staggering that we cannot do enough. Not enough missionaries, not enough food, not enough money to do the necessary things. We need to go **out** to find pasture as well as go in for prayer.

We, as Methodists, should place a new emphasis on our faith, our church, our missions. "Every woman **studying, building, praying, giving**" — sums it all up.

As we go back to our homes, we should seek the balanced approach — partly by pulling, partly by letting go. Enter into the door that says "Go In" and then on the inside there should be a placard saying "Go Out".

When we grow slack in communion with God and careless about our living, then comes spiritual morbidness. "If any man will come in — ye shall go out and find pasture".

Mrs. Kathleen Thain, Assistant Professor of French, Louisiana

Tech, former teacher in Japan.

"The sand in an hour glass has just about dripped down in the time as far as the Christianity of Japan is concerned. Our leaders are having to make more decisions in a hurry. God grant that the

leaders have a Christian viewpoint.

Wonderful work is being done by your Methodist missionaries and in the Methodist institutions you have in Japan. Miss Myrtle Pieder, who is serving as an interdenominational worker in Japan, deserves much praise.

We did not send enough packages to Japan — they were pitifully few.

Buddhism says **"Be Good"** Christianity says **"Do Good"**.

Much fine work is being done by the J-3's you have sent over there. One missionary, when asked what she wanted me to tell you over here, said, "We need your prayers, scholarships, small gifts of money as cash supplies. We need more small boxes, we need a few letters." Seven dollars a month keeps a girl in college in Japan. The place cards on the tables were made by the girls in Hirosaki."

**Rev. George Baker, Chaplain of Southern Methodist University,
Dallas, Texas**

"Our Far-Flung Brother Line"

We talk of the far-flung battle line where our soldiers, sailors and flyers were stationed at strategic points over the world, but what about our far-flung brother line?

Missionaries are finding it hard to have enough to keep warm and there is great difficulty in obtaining enough food.

What are the basic enemies of mankind? (1) Hunger — In Shanghai's streets on the first cold morning from 300 to 500 people would have died from malnutrition. Hunger is always facing the people of India. 100,000,000 go to bed hungry in India every night. We pray "Give us this day our daily bread" — we should say "Forgive us this day our daily bread". "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, ye have done it unto me". **Every** man has a right to be fed. (2) Disease. Who has trained the best nurses in China? The Methodists. Jesus spent much time in the healing of bodies. All around the world you, as the W. S. C. S., are extending your hands. Is it our business to reach out and help the stricken and diseased? (Illiteracy — In China only 15% of the people can read. In India there is 80% illiteracy. In Japan I saw 800 girls coming into a bombed building for a chapel service — we bombed it! There are 15,000,000 people in Japan without homes — we burned them out! It is our business to be concerned about the literacy of the world, that their minds might be open to God's truth, that man might have their minds enlightened by Christ. (4) Injustice — exploitation — oppression — lust for power — greed — race hatred — these are all enemies. God forgive us that our brother-line has not extended enough that we can take our brothers of all races into our far-flung brother-line!

This has been called the century of the common man. Somehow or other God can take the wrath of man and cause it to praise Him.

"Are you all right?" Black, yellow, red and white — until they are all all right, it is our business to follow them and administer to them as our far-flung brother line.

No one can give the answers to the problems of our world but Christ. What would **you** like to do for God? He's asking us to help Him in this far-flung brother line. Jesus was willing to give all for God's Kingdom — what are you willing to do? To give all you can for "the Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God". "Lo, I am with you always".

Miss Dorothy Nyland, Division Secretary of Student Work

"Forward With Faith in Our Students"

W. S. C. S. in student language means "Wanted, Students for Christian Service". It has been my happy privilege to attend the first Interracial Methodist Student Conference in Louisiana and to share a part of it with you.

Students are trying to find the will of God for them that eliminates fear. The campus is the most strategic place today in fighting for Christianity. There the foundations are laid for teachers, preachers, home-makers — all those who will influence others in life. We don't realize how earnestly the young people are trying to work out these problems and in order to give them the message, we must be the message. It is not what we say as adults that is important to them, but what we do. They are trying to find reality in worship.

Disappointment was expressed by a group when one of them announced his decision to go to India. "Why leave us when you are needed here?" they asked. He answered that he was going to India to learn, for he felt they knew spiritual values there. Students asked Gandhi how he was able to gain freedom for millions of his people without armies or diplomats. He answered that it was because he knew the will of God.

At the Urbana Conference for Youth, the students were concerned over what is being done with the over-supply of food in our country when there are millions of starving people in other lands.

In Japan students were meeting out in the open because their buildings had been bombed by the U. S. Students are saying that war is un-Christian.

There are only two Negro Wesley Foundations on campuses over the country.

We are too busy in America being materialistic minded.

We must pray for the young lives on all campuses, and that God will guide and direct us that we may help them find the true path and be able to help them step out into that path.

Judge Chris Barnette

"Forward With Juveniles In Louisiana"

I hope and feel I have had some part in helping to promote good laws for juveniles over the state.

Faith — the Christian faith is a positive faith — belief alone is not enough, unless it is put into action, and you have made it positive by inserting the word "forward".

Jesus brought to this world a new meaning to faith. His ministry was keynoted by the words, **go, see and do**.

A juvenile is a person under 17 years of age, but we are not to confine it to those of that age, but to all youth. Aid to juveniles in the last few years has been helped much by Christian women such as you. It was women who demanded that something be done in revising the children's laws and I beg you women to continue to be on the alert.

Women of Chile came to this country to learn how the women in the U. S. had achieved their fame in the things which made for better culture.

The Juvenile Court Commission was appointed in 1946 to determine what laws might be important and to make recommendations concerning same. A constitutional amendment was adopted through the Commission that there shall be a Juvenile Court in every District or a Court for every two or more parishes.

Juvenile institutions should all be removed from politics and make them more like schools instead of prisons. A permanent Youth Com-

mission should be adopted. \$25,000 is asked for the coming year to carry on this work. It is hoped that a pool of probation officers can be established on a regional basis, to serve subject to the call of the Judges whenever they are needed.

There are seven basic needs that are necessary to a child's life. Every child in this state needs the feeling of security, affection, recognition and new experiences. It is not easy to give him these things. A home should be more than a sheltering place. Parents have supplied things to children but have not given themselves to the children. They should furnish moral security for their children.

Three out of every five marriages in Louisiana end in divorce. It has been found that where husband or wife has a church affiliation there are seven divorces out of fifty marriages. The church is a stabilizing influence for home life. It cannot be done by legislation or welfare dollars. Marriage and divorce should be made more difficult. There are too many child marriages — below 16 years of age for girls and below 18 years for boys.

It is Immoral in Russia to be married in a church.

The state welfare is running rampant — and may be contributing to more delinquency. It is making parasites out of men, women and children and they are saying to themselves, "Why should I improve myself?" England is alarmed because of the wave of vandalism and delinquency sweeping over the country. Could the welfare state be the reason?

A child is entitled to recognition.

I ask each one of you to vote for the permanent Youth Commission when given the opportunity.

LOUISIANA YOUTH COMMISSION ACT

(Explanation)

As revealed in this report the "promotion of the highest welfare of the child in the State" is a many-sided subject. The Juvenile Court Commission had to select out of many aspects of child care and protection those which it regarded as most important and most timely. In many instances the Commission made general recommendations because to be more specific would have required more study. These subjects and others should be explored in more detail and recommendations should be made periodically in order to keep up with the changing conditions and changing needs of our youth. This thought was expressed by many persons who attended the open hearings. Other states have found this to be true and have established permanent youth commissions.

There are many departments, agencies and institutions, both public and private, as well as many church groups, civic and patriotic organizations and individual citizens in the State concerned with the welfare of children. A state youth commission will provide for a mutual exchange of information among the different groups, and can point out areas of unmet needs and of overlapping services. A greater degree of co-ordination and pooling of efforts will be possible if there is one central body which can give the necessary time to this work.

The Juvenile Court Commission on retiring recommends that a new commission be appointed as proposed in the Louisiana Youth Commission Act to be charged with the following responsibilities:

To collect facts and statistics and make special studies on conditions affecting the welfare of children and youth in the State.

To keep abreast of the latest developments in this field of activity through the nation.

To interpret its findings to the public.

To provide for a mutual exchange of ideas and information on national, state, and local levels.

To conduct hearings.

To make recommendations for needed improvements and additional resources in the field of child care and recreation in the State.

To serve as an advisory body in regard to new legislation in this field.

To co-ordinate the services of all agencies in the State serving children and youth, and

To require reports from State agencies and institutions, and subpoena witnesses.

Bishop Dana Dawson

"A Testament of Faith"

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." We need a working philosophy of life. What do you believe? I believe in God. This world did not just happen.

The hunger of many is due to the selfishness of man in not being willing to share.

I believe in the divinity of Christ. Jesus Christ is God brought down to our level. I believe in the principles He taught and the ideals He lived for. I believe in the risen, living Christ. The greatest thing Christ did for me was that He died on Calvary for me. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me". Thou art abreast of all the centuries.

I believe in the inspiration of the Bible. What the book means is more than the book itself! I do not believe in the Bible as something of mystery. It is a book of life, not science. I believe in this book as the greatest piece of literature in the world.

I believe in immortality after death — survival after death. Man must be mightier than anything he can make. Man must live on.

I believe in Christ's conception of the Kingdom of God. "Go ye into all the world and teach, heal". After 2,000 years, half the world cannot read and write and there are more hospital beds than ever before — more race prejudice and discrimination than ever before. We condemn race prejudice in Germany but we tolerate it in the United States of America.

Communism will have no chance if we establish the kingdom of Christ in this world. Communism can only be overcome by a faith greater than its own. What does this Christian faith mean to the average man — attending church on Sunday? Paying our pledge? What this world is waiting for is that forward-looking faith.

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